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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Do you understand that, by signing 3 this, you're declaring that this is all truthful 4 information?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. As -- and -- let's see. Could you 7 turn to page 2 for me, please? Under No. C here, 8 you've checked yes, that -- that you've claimed that 9 you've suffered bodily injury as a result of using 10 Pondimin, Redux, or phentermine. Do you feel that -- 11 do you -- do you remember any of the names of those 12 drugs: Pondimin, Redux, or phentermine?</p> <p>13 A. I definitely -- I remember phentermine.</p> <p>14 Q. Phentermine?</p> <p>15 A. I really -- I remember that.</p> <p>16 Q. And how do you remember that from?</p> <p>17 A. I think more -- more just talking to -- me 18 and Brenda just talking about we was taking the pill.</p> <p>19 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>20 A. I just -- I don't know why I remember 21 phentermine, but I remember, you know, that word.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. What -- you said you -- you and 23 Brenda are pretty close friends?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. Do you remember any conversations you and</p>	<p>Page 74</p> <p>1 A. Right.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Did she ever tell you that her chest 3 hurt or anything?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. It did. Did it hurt while she was taking 6 the drugs?</p> <p>7 A. I don't know. I just talked to her lately, 8 and she just always complains about her chest.</p> <p>9 Q. Does she have the same problem that you do 10 with the chest tightness?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you know if she has any, like, sharp 13 pains in her chest?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. She does. Does she have any problems 16 other -- worse than what you have?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. She does. Do you know what -- what are 19 those problems?</p> <p>20 A. Well, her chest, you know, headaches. 21 Basically that.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Do you know if any doctor has ever 23 talked to her?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. No. Okay. Let's see. Now, turn -- get</p>
<p>1 Brenda had about taking diet drugs?</p> <p>2 A. No. Just we just both experienced, you 3 know, being jittery.</p> <p>4 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). And do you 5 know -- do you know if she ever took diet drugs prior 6 to 1999 when y'all -- when you both took them?</p> <p>7 A. I don't know.</p> <p>8 Q. Don't know. Have you ever heard her talk 9 about taking any drug called Redux or Pondimin?</p> <p>10 A. Not that -- I don't know.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Did y'all -- y'all -- so y'all 12 talked about the way it made you feel. Did you talk 13 about anything else? Did she tell you that she ever 14 felt bad when she took it?</p> <p>15 A. Yeah.</p> <p>16 Q. How did she feel? Do you remember?</p> <p>17 A. Well, we both experienced being jittery and 18 nauseated.</p> <p>19 Q. Jittery and nauseated?</p> <p>20 A. Yeah. It's like your outer body is trying 21 to catch up with your inner body.</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>23 A. It's like you have to constantly do 24 something to try to catch up with yourself.</p> <p>25 Q. So you kind of felt outside of yourself?</p>	<p>Page 75</p> <p>1 you to turn -- I'll have you to turn to page 7 for 2 me, please. Under MEDICAL BACKGROUND here, under 3 Section V, is that your -- is that your correct 4 height?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. And you have down here that -- are 7 you -- is your current weight now 200?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. All right. And was your weight 150 before 10 you used the diet drugs?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Since you -- since you took these 13 diets drugs -- you said you went and saw Dr. Henson 14 twice; is that correct?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Did -- does that mean that you took them 17 for just a couple of months, or did you take them for 18 longer than that?</p> <p>19 A. Just a couple of months.</p> <p>20 Q. Have you taken any diet drugs since then?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. What made you want to quit taking diet 23 drugs?</p> <p>24 A. The way it made me feel --</p> <p>25 Q. The way it made you feel?</p>

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<p>1 A. -- the time when I took it.</p> <p>2 Q. Well, did you have much success when you</p> <p>3 took them?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. No. Did you lose any weight?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. No. Okay. I want to turn your attention</p> <p>8 to page 9 now. Under Section -- Section E, it</p> <p>9 requests whether or not you've been prescribed any</p> <p>10 medicine -- medications to use to control your</p> <p>11 weight, and you've checked yes. And then, under the</p> <p>12 two pills you have down here, you have Pondimin and</p> <p>13 phentermine. And approximate usage, the date is</p> <p>14 January 1999. Is January when you went over and saw</p> <p>15 Dr. Henson?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. I think it was January of '99.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Is -- do these two dates and two</p> <p>18 medicines look -- look accurate to you?</p> <p>19 A. Yes. Phentermine is a definite, but I knew</p> <p>20 there was two. And I -- I put Pondimin because I</p> <p>21 remember that little peach pill.</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>23 A. And I really wasn't really sure, was the</p> <p>24 name of it -- was it Pondimin.</p> <p>25 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p>	<p>Page 78</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. All right.</p> <p>2 A. No more than I just, you know, look at this</p> <p>3 paper when you've got Pondimin or Redux or --</p> <p>4 Q. Right.</p> <p>5 A. -- you know, phentermine.</p> <p>6 Q. Is -- is it possible that you never took</p> <p>7 Pondimin, that you took something else?</p> <p>8 A. Well, I know I took two pills.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay.</p> <p>10 A. So --</p> <p>11 Q. All right.</p> <p>12 A. And then, you know, I look at them three.</p> <p>13 I know it's -- it had to be one of them three. But I</p> <p>14 know it was two pills that I -- I took.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. And phentermine, I remembered that name.</p> <p>17 Q. Right. Okay. On -- if you'll turn to --</p> <p>18 turn to the next page, page 10. Are you -- do you --</p> <p>19 do you ever drink alcohol, Ms. Sanders?</p> <p>20 A. Like once, maybe twice a month.</p> <p>21 Q. Once or twice a month. Like -- do you</p> <p>22 drink a lot when you drink or just a little?</p> <p>23 A. No. Just one cooler.</p> <p>24 Q. One cooler. Have you ever -- have you ever</p> <p>25 smoked cigarettes?</p>
<p>1 A. I -- I wasn't really sure of it.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay.</p> <p>3 A. I don't know why I put Pondimin, but -- I</p> <p>4 thought that, you know, might have been the pill.</p> <p>5 But I remembered the pill.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. And I remember that -- that one color of</p> <p>8 that pill.</p> <p>9 Q. Did anyone ever tell you that Pondimin was</p> <p>10 a little peach pill?</p> <p>11 A. No. Phentermine could have been the peach</p> <p>12 pill.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. You know, I remember phentermine.</p> <p>15 And . . .</p> <p>16 Q. Did you fill this out with the help of</p> <p>17 anyone, this fact sheet?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Did anyone -- other -- I recognize</p> <p>20 that Pondimin is written on this page, but do you</p> <p>21 remember, is there any -- have you ever heard anyone</p> <p>22 else ever talk about taking Pondimin --</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. -- or used the word "Pondimin"?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p>	<p>Page 79</p> <p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Have you ever done any illegal drugs?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. No. Okay. If you'll look at -- on page</p> <p>5 10, on No. H here, it says, "To the best of your</p> <p>6 knowledge, have you ever experienced any of the</p> <p>7 following?" And you've checked yes by all of these</p> <p>8 categories except memory loss. And I'll just read</p> <p>9 through some of the categories: Shortness of breath</p> <p>10 not associated with vigorous exercise; persistent or</p> <p>11 recurrent pain in your chest; irregular heartbeat,</p> <p>12 palpitations; abnormal lack of energy; fainting,</p> <p>13 dizziness, lightheaded; snoring; head pounding; sleep</p> <p>14 apnea; swelling; and arthritis or joint pain. Is</p> <p>15 that this pretty accurate? You -- you have</p> <p>16 experienced all of those things?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Do any of those stand out above the rest as</p> <p>19 far as problems that -- that you had?</p> <p>20 A. Say it again.</p> <p>21 Q. Have any -- I'm sorry. Are any of these</p> <p>22 more severe than the others? Like, are the headaches</p> <p>23 worse than the lack of energy or --</p> <p>24 A. Lack of energy and headaches.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay.</p>

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<p>1 A. I'm sorry.</p> <p>2 Q. What -- what about faintning -- fainting?</p> <p>3 Have you ever fainted?</p> <p>4 A. No. I always get -- I get lightheaded.</p> <p>5 Q. Get lightheaded? Do you get lightheaded</p> <p>6 on -- just -- do you do anything specifically when</p> <p>7 you get lightheaded?</p> <p>8 A. No. Only -- like, when I get tired,</p> <p>9 shortness of breath, then I get lightheaded.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Has any doctor ever told you that</p> <p>11 you have sleep apnea?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Have you ever woken up in the middle of the</p> <p>14 night and felt you couldn't breathe?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Does that happen quite a bit?</p> <p>17 A. I won't say quite a bit. It's probably</p> <p>18 like every now and then.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay.</p> <p>20 A. I won't just say --</p> <p>21 Q. What -- what happens? Do you feel like</p> <p>22 you're choking, or do you just wake up and you're</p> <p>23 panting?</p> <p>24 A. And like -- yes. And I just cannot</p> <p>25 breathe, and chest hurts. That's it.</p>	Page 82	<p>1 A. Okay.</p> <p>2 Q. EKG should -- did you -- did you see a</p> <p>3 little slip with the EKG, kind of -- has your heart</p> <p>4 rate printed on it?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. It's a -- it's -- echo is a</p> <p>7 different test. On page -- if you could, turn your</p> <p>8 attention to page 17. It actually starts at the end</p> <p>9 of page 16, under S. It asks you to a -- to complete</p> <p>10 the chart that's on the next page, and you've checked</p> <p>11 mild under all four categories listed there for valve</p> <p>12 regurgitation?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Where did -- did you fill that out?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Do you -- where did you get the information</p> <p>17 from that led you to fill that out?</p> <p>18 A. Just looking at the sheet that I had.</p> <p>19 Q. Looking at the echocardiogram report?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. And down here, also, on 17, there's</p> <p>22 a -- in this box here under DIET DRUG USE, under both</p> <p>23 Pondimin and phentermine, you've listed, also, once</p> <p>24 again, 1-9 -- 1 -- January 1999. And that</p> <p>25 information is the same as it was on the other page,</p>
<p>1 Q. Are you -- how -- how long does that spell</p> <p>2 last?</p> <p>3 A. Maybe like a couple of seconds.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Now, you've checked, under No. 3</p> <p>5 here, irregular heartbeat, palpitations, tachycardia,</p> <p>6 or bradycardia. When you checked yes to that, which</p> <p>7 one of those four were you checking yes to?</p> <p>8 A. Irregular heartbeat.</p> <p>9 Q. Irregular heartbeat. And has a doctor told</p> <p>10 you, you have irregular heartbeat?</p> <p>11 A. No. I just -- I gathered it from myself,</p> <p>12 the way I'll be feeling.</p> <p>13 Q. Do you ever -- can you ever feel your heart</p> <p>14 beating, like pounding in your chest?</p> <p>15 A. Only when it gets tight.</p> <p>16 Q. Only when it gets tight. Does -- does</p> <p>17 it -- does it feel like it's not beating correctly?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Other than the echocardiogram you</p> <p>20 had done, which, you have the report there, have you</p> <p>21 ever had an echo -- any other echocardiograms done?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay.</p> <p>24 A. Is EKG the same as a echo?</p> <p>25 Q. No. Different test.</p>	Page 83	<p>1 isn't it?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. And Dr. Henson prescribed those for</p> <p>4 you?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. All right. Okay. Is that where you got</p> <p>7 the -- that orange round pill there, is that where</p> <p>8 you got the idea of Pondimin?</p> <p>9 A. I think so, yes. I think so, yeah.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Just -- I don't know. I can't --</p> <p>11 I'm sorry if I'm asking this for a second time, but</p> <p>12 what is your current weight right now, Ms. Sanders?</p> <p>13 A. Two -- about 200.</p> <p>14 Q. About 200. Okay. On -- I turn your</p> <p>15 attention to page 22. You've listed your income</p> <p>16 earnings for the past five years -- or for at</p> <p>17 least -- from 1997 through 2001?</p> <p>18 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>19 Q. Are those -- are those income numbers</p> <p>20 pretty accurate?</p> <p>21 A. Basically, I was just guessing --</p> <p>22 Q. You were guessing?</p> <p>23 A. -- this number.</p> <p>24 Q. Is that based at all on any information</p> <p>25 that you had, any tax returns or anything?</p>

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<p>1 A. Well, first, by being a beautician, you're 2 self employed. 3 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 4 A. You know, you're allowed five years, you 5 know, for you -- to do your taxes. 6 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 7 A. And I basically just started doing my taxes 8 this year -- 9 Q. Okay. 10 A. -- and last year. So -- 11 Q. So this is just kind of an estimate of how 12 much you made? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. All right. This -- what -- what would you 15 say your income has been from -- in 2002 and 2003, if 16 you can just take a guess? 17 A. I'd say about -- 18 Q. Well, what did you file for, actually? 19 A. For 6,000. 20 Q. 6,000? 21 A. Yeah. Because I was just working weekends. 22 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 23 A. You know, my husband is the bread winner, 24 so -- 25 Q. All right. Okay. Is this -- now, is the</p>	<p>Page 86</p> <p>1 out? Do you remember filling this part of the -- 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. If you turn back one page, you can see the 4 front. You can see what -- what -- I guess this is a 5 separate form that's attached here. Do you -- do you 6 remember filling this out? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Is there a -- does it -- it appears that 9 the address for Dr. Henson is the same as the Macon 10 Primary Care physician. Is that just a mistake you 11 made? 12 A. That's a mistake. 13 Q. Okay. Do you remember Dr. Henson's address 14 in Gordo? 15 A. No. I just remember Gordo, Alabama. 16 Q. Okay. All right. And then, on -- on page 17 E -- oh, I'm sorry -- page 4, No. E. Keep going. 18 Under health care facilities or hospitals you've 19 received outpatient treatment on, under E, you listed 20 Starkville hospital, Baptist hospital, and Noxubee 21 General. Do you remember -- now, we talked about you 22 going to -- to Baptist hospital? 23 A. Right. 24 Q. Do you remember any kind of emergency room 25 visit or outpatient treatment you would have had at</p>
<p>1 income here representative of your combined incomes 2 or just yours? 3 A. Just mine. 4 Q. Okay. 5 A. I think I was -- I was just guessing them, 6 you know, guessing. 7 Q. Right. Okay. On -- I turn your attention 8 to page 2 -- oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Keep going. I'm 9 sorry. It's -- it's probably more like page 26? 10 MS. TOLLE: Just a second page 2. 11 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Yeah. It would 12 technically be page 26, but it's listed as page 2 on 13 this handout. You have a -- this is listing -- a 14 listing of primary care physicians you've seen under 15 Category B. At the top of page 2 here, you have Dr. 16 Edmond Henson. Is that the same physician that 17 prescribed you the diet drugs? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. And his address here is listed as 20 North Jefferson, Macon, Mississippi. Is that 21 correct? 22 A. No. 23 Q. That's not correct? 24 A. No. Gordo, Alabama. 25 Q. It's in Gordo. Did -- did you fill this</p>	<p>Page 87</p> <p>1 Starkville hospital? 2 A. No. 3 Q. No. Okay. Is there any reason why you 4 listed that under here, then? 5 A. Starkville, you know, that's when I had my 6 baby. You know, it just asked about hospitals and 7 health care places. 8 Q. Okay. All right. 9 A. That's why I wrote that down. 10 Q. And then, why -- why did you put that 11 Noxubee General, then? Did you -- did you ever go 12 there? 13 A. Yes. I have been there before. 14 Q. Okay. 15 A. I don't remember what it was for, but I -- 16 I have been there before. I just, you know, put them 17 down since it asked. 18 Q. Okay. Do you remember if were you sick or 19 hurt when you went there? 20 A. I was sick. 21 Q. You were sick. Do you remember if it had 22 anything to do with your heart hurting? 23 A. I don't remember. 24 Q. Do you remember if you had to spend the 25 night?</p>

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<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. It was just an ER visit?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you remember if you were terribly sick</p> <p>5 or just had the flu?</p> <p>6 A. I didn't have the flu. I don't -- I don't</p> <p>7 remember. I know it wasn't the flu.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. All right. Can you remember about</p> <p>9 when you would have gone to Noxubee? Would it have</p> <p>10 been --</p> <p>11 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>12 Q. -- 10 years ago or five years ago?</p> <p>13 A. (No response).</p> <p>14 Q. Can't remember?</p> <p>15 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. All right. On page 7, if you'll</p> <p>17 just keep going, under Category G, you were asked to</p> <p>18 list drug stores that you've used in the past 10</p> <p>19 years, and you listed B & O Drugs. And then, we</p> <p>20 talked about this earlier. Can you remember any of</p> <p>21 the prescriptions you would have had filled there?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. No. You've also listed Wal-Mart here. Did</p> <p>24 you get any prescriptions filled at the Wal-Mart in</p> <p>25 Macon?</p>	<p>Page 90</p> <p>1 there?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you know if it was diet drugs?</p> <p>4 A. I don't think so.</p> <p>5 Q. Don't think so?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you remember what doctor may have</p> <p>8 prescribed those -- prescribed that medicine for you?</p> <p>9 A. Beverly Gardner or either Denzil Robertson.</p> <p>10 You know, if I went there, it was one of them.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. And you don't -- wouldn't remember</p> <p>12 what they -- would it have been any kind of heart</p> <p>13 medicine they gave you?</p> <p>14 A. I don't think so. I don't remember.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. And then, you've got Kmart Pharmacy</p> <p>16 in Mobile, Alabama. That's where you had your diet</p> <p>17 drugs prescribed?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Can you remember any other type of medicine</p> <p>20 you would have had filled there?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. No. Okay. Do you remember any other</p> <p>23 pharmacies you may have gone to in Macon or --</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. -- Columbus?</p>
<p>1 A. No. We don't have a Wal-Mart in Macon.</p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>3 A. I probably just got tired of filling this</p> <p>4 out. But I only went to B & O and Kmart.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. So you didn't go to Wal-Mart?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. You never got a prescription filled at</p> <p>8 Wal-Mart?</p> <p>9 A. I don't even know why I wrote that, because</p> <p>10 Wal-Mart is not in Macon.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Did you ever get a prescription</p> <p>12 filled at a Wal-Mart in another city?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. So you've never had a prescription</p> <p>15 filled at Wal-Mart?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. So City Drugs is also listed here on</p> <p>18 page 8?</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>20 Q. Have you ever had a prescription filled at</p> <p>21 City Drugs?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. You have. Is that -- and that's in Macon?</p> <p>24 A. Yes, that's in Macon.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. Do you remember what you had filled</p>	<p>Page 91</p> <p>1 A. Those are the only two.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. If you could, turn to the last two</p> <p>3 pages of the fact sheet. The first page here is from</p> <p>4 B & O Pharmacy. Did you -- are these -- have you</p> <p>5 ever seen this before, this page?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. Did you -- do you remember maybe --</p> <p>8 MR. BLOUNT: I'm sorry. Do you want a</p> <p>9 copy of this?</p> <p>10 MS. TOLLE: Do you have a copy,</p> <p>11 please?</p> <p>12 MR. BLOUNT: Yeah, I do. I should.</p> <p>13 (After a discussion off the record,</p> <p>14 the deposition continued as follows:)</p> <p>15 Q. (By Mr. Blount) So are you -- this is what</p> <p>16 appears to be -- it's got B & O Pharmacy written up</p> <p>17 in the left-hand corner.</p> <p>18 A. Okay.</p> <p>19 Q. And it says, "PATIENT PRESCRIPTION SUMMARY"</p> <p>20 in the middle. Is that your name listed right there</p> <p>21 above -- on the second paragraph?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. What is that -- is that -- it says, "Mary</p> <p>24 Mason Sanders, Route 1, Box 224, Macon, Mississippi"?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Is that an address you've lived at? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Okay. Is that -- would you have been 4 living there in and around 1998, 1999? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Okay. Is that your correct phone number 7 that you had at that address? 8 A. Yes. Then, yes. 9 Q. Is it -- but it's not your correct phone 10 number now, though? 11 A. No. 12 Q. Okay. 13 A. Not the correct address now. 14 Q. Okay. Is that -- now, is that the same 15 place that you -- is that the same house; they just 16 changed the address? 17 A. Well, I was staying with my mom -- 18 Q. Okay. 19 A. -- at the time. 20 Q. That's your mother's address? 21 A. Right. 22 Q. Okay. I knew the date -- 23 A. Well, I wasn't staying at my mom's. I 24 think I just -- by me filling my prescriptions out, I 25 never changed my address.</p>	<p>Page 94</p> <p>1 A. Yes. This is the time. I remember that 2 amount. 3 Q. Okay. It says -- says quantity of 30. 4 Does that -- does that look about right? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Did you take all 30 of those pills? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Did you take -- did he ever give you 9 another prescription after that? 10 A. No. I never went back. 11 Q. Never went back. Okay. When you took 12 those pills, did they help -- did they help your -- 13 help your heart? Did the tightness go away? 14 A. I don't remember. 15 Q. Don't remember. Okay. All right. Do you 16 remember -- can you think -- can you remember any 17 other types of medicine you may have ever had 18 prescribed or that you would have bought at B & O 19 Pharmacy? 20 A. No. 21 Q. No? 22 A. No. 23 Q. So -- and do you -- you can't remember 24 any -- any diet drugs you would have maybe gotten 25 there?</p>
<p>1 Q. Okay. All right. 2 A. Even now it's probably still the same. I 3 don't know. 4 Q. Okay. Down here, listed on this summary, 5 is acetaminophen -- acetaminophen, hydrocodone, and 6 what appears to be Remeron is what it looks like to 7 me. Do you remember being prescribed any of these 8 drugs? 9 A. Dr. Pearson -- you know, in '98, that's 10 when -- after I had my baby. 11 Q. That's when you had your baby? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. So he gave you -- okay. And so that's 14 your -- that's your -- 15 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 16 Q. -- OBGYN? 17 A. In '98, that's when I got a tooth pulled. 18 That's my dentist. 19 Q. Okay. Dr. Wiygul; is that right? 20 A. Right. And Dr. Robertson, this is when he 21 prescribed me that medicine. 22 Q. Okay. So he -- 23 A. I wasn't sure what it was. 24 Q. He -- and he prescribed you this 25 for your -- for your heart?</p>	<p>Page 95</p> <p>1 A. I didn't get any diet drugs there. 2 Q. Okay. You can, then, turn to the next page 3 for me. Up at the top -- this is -- says, "MEDICAL 4 EXPENSES, 01/01/1999 through 08/22/2002." And it's 5 got "KMAR PHARMACY" with a Mobile, Alabama, address. 6 Do you remember being -- going to Mobile, Alabama, 7 and getting the diet drugs -- or getting drugs there 8 at their pharmacy? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Okay. Now, the drugs they have listed here 11 are phentermine, 30 milligrams, and what appears to 12 be potassium chloride, 10 milligrams. I can't really 13 read it very well, but do you -- do you see those 14 words on that page? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Okay. And this is prescribed by Dr. 17 Henson; is that correct? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. Do you remember getting those -- 20 those medicines? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Okay. Does this -- does this appear to 23 be -- do those -- let's see. The -- the 24 phentermine -- I can't read this very well. Okay. 25 I'm sorry. Down here at the bottom, right before</p>

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<p>1 the -- the signature of the pharmacist, it says, 2 "TAKE ONE TABLET BY MOUTH EVERY DAY FOR 30 DAYS." 3 And the one up above it, underneath the phentermine, 4 says, "TAKE ONE CAPSULE BY MOUTH EVERY DAY FOR 21 5 DAYS."</p> <p>6 A. Okay.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you recall doing that, taking the 8 pills --</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. -- as those -- as those instructions.</p> <p>11 Okay. And do you remember -- is this -- is this the 12 only prescription you would have had filled at that 13 pharmacy, or did you get a second prescription filled 14 there?</p> <p>15 A. I -- I don't remember. I remember just 16 filling this prescription in.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And you saw Dr. Henson at least 18 twice; is that correct?</p> <p>19 A. Yes. I -- if I'm not mistaken, I think it 20 was twice.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Do you remember if you had 22 prescriptions filled both times you went to see him?</p> <p>23 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>24 Q. Don't remember. Okay. Just for 25 clarification, do you -- do you see where Pondimin</p>	<p>Page 98</p> <p>1 there was any difference on --</p> <p>2 Q. (By Mr. Blount) So have you ever -- have 3 you ever talked to anybody about taking Pondimin? Do 4 you ever remember --</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. -- anyone ever talking to you about it.</p> <p>7 Have you ever heard anyone talk about fen-phen?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. No. Have you ever heard anyone talk about 10 any diet drugs, maybe a couple of years before you 11 took them, being pulled from the market?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. So have you ever heard anyone say 14 that Pondimin was pulled from the market in 1997?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. No. Or 1998, any of those years?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. No, 1998. Okay. To the best of your 19 knowledge, do you know -- do you know -- do you know 20 if fen-phen -- the drug fen-phen was pulled from the 21 market?</p> <p>22 A. Not that I know of. No. Not that I know 23 of. I don't -- I don't know.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Are you -- as we sit here today, do 25 you think you took -- the -- the drug Pondimin?</p>
<p>1 has been prescribed on either this page or on the 2 previous page?</p> <p>3 A. No. No. Like I said, I remember 4 phentermine.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 A. And, you know, just by you giving me those 7 three options, you know, while I was filling out this 8 paper (indicating).</p> <p>9 Q. Right.</p> <p>10 A. So I just, you know, thought maybe it was 11 Pondimin.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 MS. TOLLE: Do you have an original? 14 I'm just looking --</p> <p>15 MR. BLOUNT: I think this is my 16 original.</p> <p>17 MS. TOLLE: Because the last line, it 18 looks like there's something under there that you 19 cannot read. I don't know what it is.</p> <p>20 MR. BLOUNT: This is the copy that was 21 sent to me. The lines appear to --</p> <p>22 MS. TOLLE: Okay.</p> <p>23 MR. BLOUNT: -- go up and down the 24 page, but --</p> <p>25 MS. TOLLE: I just didn't know if</p>	<p>Page 99</p> <p>1 A. Well, I know it was just two pills. And 2 you -- there were three options you gave me. So I 3 just took a educated guess that it might have been 4 Pondimin. I don't really remember -- I don't know 5 what he prescribed them. I took them in hopes of 6 losing weight --</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. All right.</p> <p>8 A. -- to be honest.</p> <p>9 Q. All right.</p> <p>10 A. And they were just asking what pill is 11 this, what pill is that.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. BLOUNT: Can we take a recess?</p> <p>14 MS. TOLLE: Yes.</p> <p>15 MR. BLOUNT: All right.</p> <p>16 MR. FORD: We're off the record. The 17 time is 11:40 a.m.</p> <p>18 (After a recess, the deposition 19 continued as follows:)</p> <p>20 MR. FORD: We're back on the record. 21 The time is 11:46 a.m.</p> <p>22 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Okay, Ms. Sanders. You 23 said that you saw Ms. -- Dr. Gardner in the last few 24 months; is that correct?</p> <p>25 A. Dr. Gardner? Yes.</p>

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<p>1 Q. Okay. Can you -- can you remember any 2 other doctors you might have seen in the last 12 3 months?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. Have you been to any health care facility, 6 emergency room, or minor clinics in -- in the last 12 7 months?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. No. Okay. And now, you did mention a 10 dentist earlier. Who is your dentist right now?</p> <p>11 A. Same doctor.</p> <p>12 Q. Same doctor?</p> <p>13 A. James Wiygul.</p> <p>14 Q. Wiygul is his last name?</p> <p>15 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). Wiygul.</p> <p>16 Q. Wiygul. Do you remember where his office 17 is?</p> <p>18 A. In Columbus, Mississippi.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you remember possibly where, what 20 street?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you know if he's got a -- what the name 23 of his office is? Is it Dr. Wiygul's office? I 24 mean -- what I mean is, does it -- does it have -- is 25 he part of a group, a medical group?</p>	<p>Page 102</p> <p>1 A. Tooth pulled.</p> <p>2 Q. You've had teeth pulled. When you go to 3 the dentist, does -- have they ever -- have they ever 4 told you, you need to take antibiotics before you get 5 your teeth cleaned?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. No. Okay. Have you ever seen a sign 8 hanging in the dentist's office that says, if you 9 ever took diet drugs, to make sure you get an 10 antibiotic or make sure you tell them?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. No. Okay. Well, before Dr. -- before Dr. 13 Robertson and -- I believe -- I believe you said you 14 saw -- I believe -- well, the pharmacy records show 15 1998, I believe. If you could look at those again. 16 It's the second to last page on Exhibit -- on -- 17 on -- on this fact sheet. It says Dr. Denzel 18 Robertson. And the date for that -- I'm sorry -- is 19 1999?</p> <p>20 A. Yeah.</p> <p>21 Q. Is that -- is that -- is that accurate, 22 that 3-02-99? Is that about the time you would have 23 seen him?</p> <p>24 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>25 Q. Don't remember. Can you remember any other</p>
<p>1 A. Well, his father's practice.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay.</p> <p>3 A. And I think it's -- if I'm not mistaken, I 4 think it's just his last name --</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 A. -- you know, on the door.</p> <p>7 Q. All right. And how long have you been 8 seeing Dr. Wiygul?</p> <p>9 A. Since '98.</p> <p>10 Q. Since 1998. All right. Who did you see -- 11 did you see a dentist before him?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. Well, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. You did?</p> <p>16 A. Dr. Atkins in Macon, Mississippi.</p> <p>17 Q. What did you see Dr. Atkins for, just for 18 general cleanings?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you ever see Dr. Atkins for braces or 21 anything?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Did you ever -- did -- now, with Dr. 24 Wiygul, have you only gone for cleanings, or have you 25 had any major work done?</p>	<p>Page 103</p> <p>1 A. physician you've seen prior to seeing Dr. Robertson, 2 other than your OBGYN doctor, since you've been a -- 3 since you've been a teenager, since you moved here?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. No. Okay. And that prescription for 6 Remeron that Dr. Robertson prescribed to you, you 7 only took that one prescription; is that correct?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you -- do you remember why you decided 10 not to take any more?</p> <p>11 A. I just didn't have the money to keep making 12 that doctor's visit.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. And he only gave you a prescription 14 for one -- one-time prescription?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Have you ever taken any medicine for 17 anxiety?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. Have you ever taken any medicine for 20 depression?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Have you ever -- have you ever felt 23 that you might be depressed?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. Good. I'm going to go through a</p>

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<p>1 list of tests here. I just want you to tell me 2 whether or not you know if you've had that test? 3 A. Okay. 4 Q. An electrocardiogram? 5 A. I don't know. 6 Q. Okay. Chest X-ray? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Is that when you were in the hospital in -- 9 A. Baptist Memorial. 10 Q. -- Baptist Memorial? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Have you ever had a chest X-ray other than 13 that? 14 A. Not that I can remember. 15 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever given you what's 16 called an exercise test or stress test? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Put you on a treadmill with little leads or 19 anything? 20 A. No. 21 Q. No. Okay. Have you ever heard doctors 22 tell you that they're giving you a pulmonary function 23 test or a test on your heart -- I mean test on your 24 lungs? 25 A. No.</p>	<p>Page 106</p> <p>1 A. I don't remember. 2 Q. Okay. 3 A. I don't recall. 4 Q. Okay. Do you know if you have any 5 appointment scheduled in the future to have an 6 echocardiogram done? 7 A. No. 8 Q. No. Okay. Do you have any appointment 9 scheduled in the future to see a doctor? 10 A. Only when I need to. 11 Q. Only when you need to. Have you ever 12 smoked? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Okay. I need to go -- we need to go over 15 some family medical history with you. Are your 16 parents both still alive? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. They are. Are they -- what your mom's 19 name? 20 A. Edna Mason, E-D-N-A. 21 Q. Okay. And where does she live? 22 A. Macon, Mississippi. 23 Q. Are y'all pretty close? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. See each other quite a bit?</p>
<p>1 Q. Okay. Have you ever heard any -- any -- 2 any physician ever tell you they're testing your 3 lungs for anything? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Okay. When you went to see -- when you 6 went to Columbus and went to the Landmark Hotel and 7 Dr. Tai did the echocardiogram, do you remember if 8 you were having any chest problems that day, or had 9 you been having any recently? 10 A. Well, I -- I had some recently. 11 Q. You had -- you'd had some prior -- 12 A. I probably was that day. I don't remember. 13 Q. Okay. 14 A. I don't remember. 15 Q. All right. And you've never discussed that 16 echocardiogram with any other doctors; is that -- 17 A. No. 18 Q. Do you remember if Dr. Tai told you he 19 wanted to see you again, wanted a follow-up visit? 20 A. Who is that? 21 Q. I'm sorry. The -- the person that 22 gave you the echocardiogram in Columbus, that doctor. 23 Did he tell you he wanted -- 24 A. Oh. No. 25 Q. -- to see you again?</p>	<p>Page 107</p> <p>1 A. Every day. 2 Q. Every day. Does she know that you're 3 involved in this litigation? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. Have you ever talked to her about 6 it? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Okay. Does she know you're here doing a 9 deposition today? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Does she know that you took diet drugs? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Does she know when you were taking them, 14 that you took -- that you were on them? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Okay. Did she -- does your -- did your 17 mother ever take diet drugs? 18 A. No. 19 Q. No. Okay. Okay. Is your mom in pretty 20 good health? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Do you know of any health problems she has, 23 any serious health problems? 24 A. Well, about a year ago, she found out she 25 was a diabetic.</p>

<p>Page 110</p> <p>1 Q. Diabetic. Do you know if she's ever had 2 any kind of complications, like a stroke or anything, 3 from her diabetes? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Do you know if she has any -- has high 6 blood pressure or maybe high cholesterol or anything? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Do you know if she has any kidney problems? 9 A. No. 10 Q. No. Okay. Any other problems she has 11 except diabetes? 12 A. No. That's it. 13 Q. Okay. Are they just -- do you know if the 14 diabetes are -- excuse me -- real bad, or if 15 they're -- 16 A. Well, they're not bad. She's never been 17 hospitalized for them -- 18 Q. Okay. 19 A. -- or anything like that. 20 Q. About how old is your mom? 21 A. Fifty-five. 22 Q. Fifty-five. Okay. And your father is 23 still -- still with us? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. What's his name?</p>	<p>Page 112</p> <p>1 A. No. 2 Q. Okay. Do you have any brothers? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. What are your brothers' names? 5 A. Anthony Brown. 6 Q. Brown is his last name? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. And it's just -- just one brother? 9 A. Well, I have a half brother. 10 Q. Who's your -- what's your half brother's 11 name? 12 A. Will -- William Macon. 13 Q. Okay. And where does Anthony live? 14 A. Macon, Mississippi. 15 Q. Does Anthony have any health problems? 16 A. I think he has high blood pressure. 17 Q. How old is Anthony? 18 A. Thirty-two. 19 Q. Thirty-two. And where does Will Macon 20 live? 21 A. Macon, Mississippi. 22 Q. And do you know if he has any health 23 problems? 24 A. No. He's fine. 25 Q. Okay. How old is he?</p>
<p>Page 111</p> <p>1 A. Ezell Mason. 2 Q. Does he also live in Macon? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Does he have any -- Mr. Mason have any 5 heart problems -- or, I'm sorry -- health problems? 6 A. He just found out a couple of months ago 7 that he's a diabetic. 8 Q. He's a diabetic. Have you ever been tested 9 for diabetes? 10 A. No. 11 Q. No. Okay. How old is your father? 12 A. He's 53. 13 Q. Fifty-three. Trust me, if you ask me about 14 my parents, I wouldn't get it either. Now, does 15 Mr. Mason have any other problems? Does he have any 16 high blood pressure? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Heart -- are there any heart problems or 19 lung problems? 20 A. No. 21 Q. Have either of your parents ever had 22 cancer? 23 A. No. 24 Q. Okay. Other than diabetes, neither one of 25 them have any other problems?</p>	<p>Page 113</p> <p>1 A. Thirty-two. 2 Q. Thirty-two. All right. Are you close with 3 either Anthony or Will? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Close to both of them? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Do y'all see each other quite a bit? 8 A. Every day. 9 Q. Every day. That's pretty good. Do they 10 know you're involved in this litigation? 11 A. No. 12 Q. No. Okay. What about your father? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. He does know that you're involved in the 15 litigation? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Okay. 18 (After a discussion off the record, 19 the deposition continued as follows:) 20 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Do either -- do either of 21 your children have any health problems? 22 A. No. 23 Q. No. They're good, healthy kids? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Are they -- are they good?</p>

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<p>1 A. Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q. All right. Are your grandparents still 3 with us?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. No. All -- both sides are passed away?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you -- do you remember what your mom's 8 parents might have passed away from?</p> <p>9 A. If I'm not mistaken, the two of them died 10 of natural causes.</p> <p>11 Q. They both died of natural causes?</p> <p>12 A. Yeah.</p> <p>13 Q. Were they -- were they quite old?</p> <p>14 A. Yeah. Yes, they were.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. Do you remember if -- do you 16 remember if either -- anybody ever talking about them 17 having health problems, having -- Granddad had high 18 blood pressure or --</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. -- Grandma had a stroke or anything?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. No. Do -- do you know of any health 23 problems that run on her side of the family, that a 24 lot of cousins may have?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p>	<p>Page 114</p> <p>1 Q. Has lupus. Is this a first cousin?</p> <p>2 A. First cousin.</p> <p>3 Q. First cousin. Is this on your mom or dad's 4 side?</p> <p>5 A. Mom.</p> <p>6 Q. Mom. Okay. Is she -- is she able to keep 7 it under control?</p> <p>8 A. Well, she's been sick -- yeah -- well, 9 she's in and out.</p> <p>10 Q. In and out. Okay. Anybody else have 11 diabetes besides your parents?</p> <p>12 A. Sister.</p> <p>13 Q. Your sister has diabetes?</p> <p>14 A. Yeah.</p> <p>15 Q. That's right. Sister. Thanks for 16 reminding me. What's your sister's name?</p> <p>17 A. Tonya Lewis.</p> <p>18 Q. And you have more than one sister, don't 19 you?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Your sister Tonya has diabetes. How 22 old is she?</p> <p>23 A. She's 29.</p> <p>24 Q. Twenty-nine. Does she have -- take insulin 25 shots, or does she take pills?</p>
<p>Page 115</p> <p>1 Q. No. What about your -- what about your 2 father's parents?</p> <p>3 A. Grandfather died of cancer, and I think 4 Grandmother died of natural causes, also.</p> <p>5 Q. Natural causes. Do you remember what kind 6 of cancer he had?</p> <p>7 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>8 Q. Don't remember.</p> <p>9 A. Unh-unh (Indicating no).</p> <p>10 Q. Do you know of any -- any -- any type 11 illnesses, like seizures or lupus or anything like 12 that, that runs through your --</p> <p>13 A. No. The other side.</p> <p>14 Q. Dad's side of the family?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. No. Okay. Do you know if anybody in your 17 family has any kidney problems?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. No. Do you have any aunts or uncles that 20 are -- that -- that get sick or have any problems, 21 any health problems?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. No. Any -- do you have any cousins that 24 are -- that have health problems?</p> <p>25 A. I have a cousin that has lupus.</p>	<p>Page 117</p> <p>1 A. Pills.</p> <p>2 Q. Pills. Do either of your parents take 3 shots?</p> <p>4 A. Pills.</p> <p>5 Q. They both take pills?</p> <p>6 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. How long has -- how long has she 8 known she has diabetes?</p> <p>9 A. I'd say probably about two years.</p> <p>10 Q. Two years. So she didn't have it when she 11 was a child or anything?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay. Do you have any nieces or nephews 14 that have diabetes?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Is that your only other relative 17 that has diabetes?</p> <p>18 A. That's the only one.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Now, do you have -- do you have any 20 more sisters?</p> <p>21 A. Thelma Mason.</p> <p>22 Q. Thelma -- spell it on the record?</p> <p>23 A. Thelma, T-H-E-L-M-A.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. And she also took -- took diet drugs 25 with you, correct?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 A. Yes. 2 Q. Okay. Does Thelma have any health 3 problems? 4 A. High blood pressure. 5 Q. High blood pressure. Has she -- has he had 6 any health problems that relate to taking diet drugs, 7 that you know of? 8 A. Not that I know of. 9 Q. Has she ever told you that her chest starts 10 hurting like yours? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. It does. Does she ever have any headaches 13 like yours? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. She does. Do you know if she's ever seen a 16 doctor about -- about either of those? 17 A. I know she's in and out at the doctor. You 18 know, I don't know what she goes for. 19 Q. Is she in -- where does she live? 20 A. Macon, Mississippi. 21 Q. Macon. Does Tonya -- Tonya Lewis live 22 there, too? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Your -- your whole family live pretty close 25 together?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 A. I don't remember. 2 Q. Don't remember. Okay. How old -- how old 3 is -- is Thelma? 4 A. She's 28. 5 Q. Twenty-eight. So you're the oldest 6 daughter? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. And there's just three -- three daughters? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And two sons? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Do you have any first cousins or -- or -- 13 or relatives you're pretty close with? 14 A. Yes. All. 15 Q. All of them? 16 A. Yeah, all of them. 17 Q. Are there any -- can you remember any of -- 18 any of your relatives you are close to that might 19 have taken any diet drugs? 20 A. No. 21 Q. No other relatives took diet drugs? 22 A. No. 23 Q. Are there -- are there any -- any of your 24 relatives, you're pretty close to, that you talked to 25 when you were taking diet drugs and told them about</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 A. Yes. We're all in walking distance. 2 Q. Okay. Are you pretty close with Tonya? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And with Thelma? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. And -- okay. Do they both -- and so do you 7 know if Tonya -- do you know if Thelma is -- is she 8 involved in any litigation involving diet drugs? 9 A. No. 10 Q. No? 11 A. I don't think so. 12 Q. Did Tonya ever take diet drugs? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Okay. And you said you went over to that 15 clinic -- to that clinic with Thelma and with -- is 16 it Ms. Stallings? 17 A. Right. 18 Q. Is that Brenda? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And do you remember either of them -- was 21 it -- you said that you heard some customers talking 22 about going over to see that doctor. Do you remember 23 if either Thelma or Brenda might have known to go 24 there, that it was -- was it their suggestion to go 25 there?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 how you felt, you felt jittery or anything? 2 A. Yes. It was everyone. 3 Q. Everyone? 4 A. You know, my whole family, because we're 5 all close. We're all there together. 6 Q. Y'all are there together? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Are you closer with any of your cousins 9 than you are your sisters? 10 A. No. 11 Q. No. Okay. Do they all -- so do they all 12 know that you're involved in this litigation? 13 A. Well, I don't -- you know, more than -- no 14 more than just family, than what we just -- 15 Q. Than just your mom and your dad? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Okay. And your -- your husband knows? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. Were y'all -- were y'all married -- 20 I don't know if I remember or not. Were y'all 21 married when you took diet drugs in '99? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. You were. Okay. Do you have any close 24 friends outside of the family besides Ms. Stallings? 25 A. No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p> <p>1 Q. No. She's -- is she pretty much your only 2 friend outside the family? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Okay. Do y'all do much socially together? 5 A. Just talk on the phone. 6 Q. Just talk on the phone. Do any other 7 ladies work in the shop with you when you're working? 8 A. No. 9 Q. No. You're the -- just you're the sole -- 10 sole owner and -- and employee? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Okay. Do you have any regular clients you 13 see all the time? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Any of them that you consider friends, that 16 y'all talk a lot? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And you -- have you talked to your -- 19 talked to any of them about your litigation? 20 A. No. 21 Q. No. Talked to any of them about taking 22 diet drugs? 23 A. No. 24 Q. So some of them were talking about taking 25 diet drugs, though, weren't they?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p> <p>1 Q. It has fluctuated? 2 A. Yeah. 3 Q. Are there any -- any specific reasons, that 4 you know of, why it would have gone up and down? 5 Were you -- were you exercising more or dieting when 6 it happened? 7 A. I don't know. I don't know. I would say, 8 you know, trying to diet or exercise. 9 Q. Okay. Have you ever -- have you ever gone 10 on any diets? You ever tried to diet much? 11 A. Well, the cabbage diet. 12 Q. You did -- you tried the cabbage diet? 13 A. Basically, that's it. 14 Q. That's -- is that the only organized diet 15 you've done? 16 A. Yeah. 17 Q. Were you -- did you enjoy the cabbage diet? 18 A. Unh-unh (Indicating no). I've always 19 failed. 20 Q. Always failed. Do you remember -- do you 21 remember why it was -- what it is about eating 22 cabbage that supposedly made it that way? 23 A. I didn't like the taste. 24 Q. Okay. 25 A. I didn't -- I didn't like the taste.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p> <p>1 A. Yeah. That was like, you know, when I was 2 working at one of those beauty shops. 3 Q. Do you remember who any of those people 4 were and what -- what they took? 5 A. I don't remember. 6 Q. Don't remember. Okay. All right. I want 7 to ask you a few questions just generally about 8 weight. You said your current weight right now is 9 close to 200; is that correct? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. And you're -- how tall are you? 12 A. Five-one. 13 Q. Five-one. What is the most you've ever 14 weighed? 15 A. This is the heaviest I've ever been. 16 Q. The heaviest right now. What's the least 17 you've ever weighed as an adult? 18 A. 155. 19 Q. 155? 20 A. (Nodded head affirmatively). 21 Q. Does your -- has your weight ever, like, 22 just fluctuated, gone up real -- real high and gone 23 back down? Has it ever done that, or has it just 24 steadily gotten -- 25 A. Yes, it has fluctuated.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>1 Q. Did -- did you lose any weight on it? 2 A. No. 3 Q. No? 4 A. I -- I might have did it a week, if it was 5 a week. 6 Q. Did it for a week? 7 A. I -- I never stayed on it. 8 Q. Have you ever done any -- any other diets 9 like South Beach Diet or the Atkins Diet? 10 A. No. 11 Q. No. Have you ever belonged to any kind of 12 diet program, like -- like Weight Watchers or 13 something maybe through a church or anything? 14 A. NutriSystem. 15 Q. NutriSystem. Where -- where were you a 16 part of NutriSystem? 17 A. In Columbus. 18 Q. In Columbus? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. How long did you do NutriSystem? 21 A. I probably did like a total -- maybe like a 22 month -- 23 Q. A month? 24 A. -- if it was a month. 25 Q. Did you have any success?</p>

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<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. No. Sorry. Did you -- have you ever done 3 anything else just on your own, like any kind of -- 4 just diets maybe you picked up out of a book and 5 tried to do or anything?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. No. What about -- what about exercise 8 programs? Have you ever belonged to a gym?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. What -- do you currently belong to a gym?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. What -- what gym did you belong to?</p> <p>13 A. Jim's Gym in Macon, Mississippi.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Did -- were you pretty active there 15 when you belonged?</p> <p>16 A. I don't guess I was too active, but I went.</p> <p>17 Q. About -- about how often?</p> <p>18 A. Maybe about once or twice a week.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Well, how long did you go?</p> <p>20 A. Well, I had a six-month membership, so I --</p> <p>21 I didn't -- I just had to pay the money. So --</p> <p>22 Q. Right. Right. About when -- when would 23 this have been, a couple of years ago or --</p> <p>24 A. No. About six months ago.</p> <p>25 Q. About six months ago?</p>	<p>Page 126</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. They did. Did you ever feel lightheaded 3 and dizzy?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. Did you -- and did you ever -- were 6 you ever able to work out without any discomfort?</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. No. Okay. Any other exercise programs you 9 ever belonged to, like --</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. -- you know, an aerobics class or a swim 12 class or anything?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. No. Have you ever tried any exercising on 15 your own?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. What type exercises do you do?</p> <p>18 A. Walking.</p> <p>19 Q. You walk?</p> <p>20 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>21 Q. Do you walk with friends and family or just 22 by yourself?</p> <p>23 A. Sister.</p> <p>24 Q. Sister?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>
<p>Page 127</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. What did you do at the gym? Did 3 you -- did you do weights, or did you just walk on a 4 treadmill or --</p> <p>5 A. Well, I tried to lift weights, and I walked 6 on the treadmill maybe like five or ten minutes.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 A. Then I'd get tired and go home.</p> <p>9 Q. What -- when you -- when you were doing 10 weights and stuff, did you ever -- did you ever just 11 feel worn out and exhausted while you were doing 12 that?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Did your chest ever start hurting while you 15 were doing it?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. It did. Did -- did -- did your chest 18 always hurt?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. What about shortness of breath?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. You felt out of breath?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. What about -- what about your headaches?</p> <p>25 Did they ever come on while you were --</p>	<p>Page 129</p> <p>1 Q. Which sister?</p> <p>2 A. Tonya.</p> <p>3 Q. With Tonya. Do y'all -- do y'all do that 4 now?</p> <p>5 A. Every now and then --</p> <p>6 Q. Every now and then?</p> <p>7 A. -- she'll try to get me to go.</p> <p>8 Q. About -- about how far do y'all walk?</p> <p>9 A. I probably would almost get in a half a 10 mile.</p> <p>11 Q. Half a mile. And about how frequently do 12 you do that?</p> <p>13 A. Every blue moon. This is embarrassing.</p> <p>14 Q. Well, the weather is nice now. Maybe you 15 can have more chance. Do y'all walk around the 16 house, or do y'all go to a track?</p> <p>17 A. Go to a track, walking track.</p> <p>18 Q. Go to a track. Is there a track there in 19 Macon you go to?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Did you ever do any exercising, say, 22 15 years ago, when -- when you were younger, back 23 in -- maybe before your children were born?</p> <p>24 A. Oh, yeah. We used to walk a lot.</p> <p>25 Q. You used to walk a lot. You used to walk a</p>

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<p>1 lot more?</p> <p>2 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>3 Q. Did you ever do any weights or aerobics</p> <p>4 back then?</p> <p>5 A. No. Just mostly walking.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. All right. Do you -- do you</p> <p>7 currently take care of your house? Do you -- are you</p> <p>8 in charge of the cleaning and cooking and everything?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Are you able to take care of it well?</p> <p>11 A. Not like I used to.</p> <p>12 Q. Not like you used to. Why is that?</p> <p>13 A. Be tired.</p> <p>14 Q. You get -- you get tired?</p> <p>15 A. Get tired.</p> <p>16 Q. You get -- your chest ever hurt when</p> <p>17 you're --</p> <p>18 A. Chest hurts, head hurts.</p> <p>19 Q. Are you -- what are you pretty much</p> <p>20 responsible for, all of the house work or --</p> <p>21 A. Well, I have all of the house work, you</p> <p>22 know. My husband takes care of everything else. I</p> <p>23 do the house work.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. He does the yard work and stuff?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>	<p>Page 130</p> <p>1 Q. But you don't do it anymore?</p> <p>2 A. Unh-unh (Indicating no).</p> <p>3 Q. Is that -- you just -- you feel just too</p> <p>4 winded?</p> <p>5 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. And then, when my chest tightness, you</p> <p>8 know, after that, I stop or something.</p> <p>9 Q. All right. But are you still able to work</p> <p>10 like you used to, though, put the same hours in?</p> <p>11 A. Well, yeah. I worked, but I never</p> <p>12 worked -- really worked hard.</p> <p>13 Q. Right. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. I'd be there, but I never really worked</p> <p>15 hard.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. What about -- what about -- how late</p> <p>17 do you stay up these days? Do you find yourself</p> <p>18 wanting to fall asleep a lot earlier, or do you stay</p> <p>19 up pretty late?</p> <p>20 A. I lose a lot of sleep.</p> <p>21 Q. You lose a lot of sleep. Do you have a lot</p> <p>22 of sleepless nights?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Do y'all -- do you ever -- do you</p> <p>25 ever find yourself just so exhausted, that you go to</p>
<p>Page 131</p> <p>1 Q. What about cooking? Are you -- do you do</p> <p>2 breakfast, lunch, and dinner or --</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. You said that you can't do it like</p> <p>5 you used to. What were you -- what did you used to</p> <p>6 be able to do?</p> <p>7 A. Well, like every other week, you know, I</p> <p>8 would probably just change around the house, like</p> <p>9 different rooms, you know. Just switched from this</p> <p>10 room to that room and just did a thorough cleaning.</p> <p>11 Q. When you say switch, what are you -- are</p> <p>12 you switching, like -- like taking the linens off the</p> <p>13 bed and stuff or --</p> <p>14 A. Well, I used -- could be, like, take the</p> <p>15 living room and bedroom, make the bedroom the living</p> <p>16 room --</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 A. -- the living room, the bedroom.</p> <p>19 Q. All right.</p> <p>20 A. I used to do that all of the time.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay.</p> <p>22 A. Now I don't even do it anymore.</p> <p>23 Q. Y'all just -- you used to pick up and move</p> <p>24 all of the furniture?</p> <p>25 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p>	<p>Page 133</p> <p>1 bed at 7 o'clock or --</p> <p>2 A. Yes. But I -- I mean, I lay there, but I</p> <p>3 don't -- I don't be asleep.</p> <p>4 Q. Because you're restless?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Have you -- have you taken any</p> <p>7 other -- done anything else -- besides the little</p> <p>8 dieting and exercise and taking diet drugs, have you</p> <p>9 done anything else to try to lose weight?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Has any -- have any doctors ever</p> <p>12 talked to you about -- about your weight, ever told</p> <p>13 you that you should probably loose weight?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Which -- which doctors? Do you remember?</p> <p>16 A. I'm trying to think of his name. It was at</p> <p>17 Starkville Clinic for Women.</p> <p>18 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>19 A. Well, they have five doctors, and I'm</p> <p>20 trying to think of the second one.</p> <p>21 Q. But you would have been there for a</p> <p>22 gynecology visit?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. And one -- one of the doctors there told</p> <p>25 you --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 134</p> <p>1 A. That I was, you know, overweight. 2 Q. Did they suggest you try to lose weight? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Did they tell you anything on -- advise you 5 on how to lose weight? 6 A. Diet and exercise. 7 Q. Diet and exercise. Did they give you any 8 specific exercises or a diet plan? 9 A. No. 10 Q. Okay. Did they tell you -- did they tell 11 you what will happen if you don't lose weight, or did 12 they -- 13 A. No. 14 Q. Did they -- did they say that your weight 15 was causing any -- any problems for you? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Do you remember -- do you remember talking 18 to them and telling them -- I mean, you can -- did 19 you bring up the subject? Were you concerned? 20 A. No. We were just looking at the chart one 21 day. I was just saying -- it was just a general 22 conversation, looking at the chart. That's all. 23 Q. And he said -- was it a he or she? Do you 24 remember? 25 A. It was a guy.</p>	<p>1 Q. Okay. And they -- 2 A. -- and have high blood pressure. 3 Q. -- have high blood pressure? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. What about -- what about any other 6 problems? Diabetes might be caused by weight. Has 7 anyone ever told you that? 8 A. No. I -- no. 9 Q. No. Okay. Do you -- have you heard of any 10 other specific problems people might have that are 11 overweight? 12 A. No. 13 Q. Okay. Do you understand that heart disease 14 sometimes is related to weight? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told that -- or any 17 physician or lay person ever told you that 18 respiratory problems sometimes are caused by being 19 overweight? 20 A. Like what? For instance, like shortness of 21 breath? 22 Q. Yeah. Things like that. 23 A. Yeah. I have -- I have heard. I've never, 24 you know, talked to a physician on it, but I have 25 heard it.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 135</p> <p>1 Q. It was a guy. And he said you're -- Ms. 2 Sanders, you're -- you might need to be worried about 3 your weight? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. Did he tell you at all that you may 6 have health problems because of it? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Has any physician ever told you, you may 9 have health problems, being overweight? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Are you generally aware that overweight 12 people sometimes have health problems? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Do you know what any of those health 15 problems might be? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that high 18 blood pressure may be a problem for people that are 19 overweight? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Who would have told you that? 22 A. My sister -- 23 Q. Your sister? 24 A. -- and brother, mother, you know, because 25 my brother and my sister both are overweight --</p>	<p>1 Q. Okay. You just heard it from a regular 2 person? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that people 5 that are overweight sometimes are more fatigued than 6 other people? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. Who would be that -- would that have 9 been a doctor? 10 A. No. 11 Q. No? 12 A. Just conversation. 13 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that people 14 that are overweight may have -- their joints might 15 hurt more than someone who isn't? 16 A. No. I've never heard that. 17 Q. Okay. What about that people whose ankles 18 and feet swell sometimes might be due to weight? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Has a physician ever told you that? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Okay. Have you ever felt any -- 23 experienced any kind of depression based on your 24 weight? 25 A. No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 138</p> <p>1 Q. No. Have you ever felt that your weight, 2 at all, has had a negative impact on your marriage? 3 A. No. 4 Q. No. Okay. Have you ever felt that you 5 have -- your weight has had a negative impact on any 6 of your friendships or anything? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Okay. When you were younger, were you able 9 to exercise more than you are now? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Do you remember if you weighed less then or 12 about the same? 13 A. I weighed less. 14 Q. You weighed less. Can you remember any, 15 like, specific activities you used to do when you 16 were much younger, that you can't do now? 17 A. I just used to walk. 18 Q. You used to be able to walk. What -- 19 what -- walk a lot further and a lot longer? 20 A. Well, I think we used to walk maybe like a 21 mile, a mile and a half -- 22 Q. Okay. 23 A. -- with my mom. You know, we used to 24 exercise then. 25 Q. Right. Do you remember about how long ago</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 140</p> <p>1 A. It's fine. 2 Q. Is it pretty good? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Do y'all -- do y'all still -- are y'all 5 still able to do a lot of things together? 6 A. No. 7 Q. No. Why -- why would that be? 8 A. Headaches. Just be tired. 9 Q. Headaches and tired? 10 A. Yeah. 11 Q. Is he -- is he able -- is he -- does his 12 job let him -- let him come around the house a lot. 13 Is he -- 14 A. Well, he comes home on the weekends. 15 Q. He comes home on the weekends? 16 A. Yeah. 17 Q. So during the week, he's not around. He's 18 on the road? 19 A. He's on the road. 20 Q. Okay. On weekends, are y'all able to get 21 much done with you working? 22 A. When I get off on Saturdays, you know, 23 that's supposed to be family day. 24 Q. Right. 25 A. But I'll be too tired, so --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 139</p> <p>1 that would have been? 2 A. I think in '88 -- 3 Q. '88? 4 A. -- or '89. 5 Q. Okay. Do you ever ride a bike, a bicycle? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. You do? 8 A. Yeah. 9 Q. Do you ever -- do you ride -- ride pretty 10 regularly? 11 A. Not now. 12 Q. Not now. Did you ever -- used to, though, 13 in the past? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Did you ever ride, like, for long 16 distances? 17 A. Maybe like a mile or two miles. 18 Q. Mile or two. Did you ever ride -- you ride 19 with your family? 20 A. Well, he was my -- my husband. Well, he 21 was my boyfriend at the time. 22 Q. Okay. Y'all would go on bike rides? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Okay. How would you say your relationship 25 with your -- with your husband is today?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 141</p> <p>1 Q. All right. 2 A. -- we'll go sit and watch a movie or 3 something. 4 Q. Okay. Did y'all ever, in the past, used to 5 go out and do stuff? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. What -- what -- what kind of activities did 8 you and your husband used to do? 9 A. We used to go all the time, like to 10 Memphis, Columbus -- 11 (After a discussion off the record, 12 the deposition continued as follows:) 13 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Sorry to interrupt you. 14 A. That's okay. You know, Jackson. Just go 15 shopping or just, you know, spend the night out, you 16 know, a day out -- 17 Q. Okay. 18 A. -- you know, away from home. 19 Q. Right. 20 A. Swimming. Just do a lot of that. 21 Q. Do you -- did y'all used to swim a lot? 22 A. Well, I used to sit in the pool. I 23 wouldn't swim because I don't how to swim. 24 Q. Okay. 25 A. You know, just sit in the pool.</p>

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<p>1 Q. All right. Well, do you -- so is this back 2 before your children were born or after they were 3 born? 4 A. You know, I think it was like after they 5 was born. It was just when they was little kids. 6 Q. Okay. 7 A. My little girl was like two years old. 8 Q. She's two now? 9 A. No. She's -- 10 Q. Oh. 11 A. She's five now. 12 Q. Back when she was two? 13 A. Yeah. 14 Q. Okay. So about three years ago -- 15 A. Yeah. 16 Q. -- y'all used to do a lot more? 17 A. Was it like three ago? 18 Q. Is she five now? 19 A. Yeah, she's five. Yeah. 20 Q. Well, has he had the same job for some 21 time? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. He's had the same route for a while? 24 A. Well, he's always been a truck driver. 25 Q. Right.</p>	<p>Page 142</p> <p>1 1 by the store and pick up what you need? 2 A. Well, my mother-in-law takes care of my 3 children. 4 Q. Okay. 5 A. You know, I'm at work, and she takes care 6 of my kids. 7 Q. Where -- where are your kids during the 8 day -- I mean during the -- on Monday through 9 Thursday? 10 A. School. And when they're home from school, 11 they're home with me. 12 Q. Okay. 13 A. You know, and my mother-in-law stays 14 next -- right next door -- 15 Q. All right. 16 A. -- so she, you know, does all of the 17 cooking. 18 Q. Are you pretty close to your mother-in-law? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. She -- she sounds like she does a good job? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Do you pay her for taking care of your 23 kids, or does she -- 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Oh, you do. Okay.</p>
<p>Page 143</p> <p>1 A. And basically, on the weekends, he's always 2 at home. 3 Q. Okay. All right. Are you -- now, when 4 he's gone, do you do all of the shopping? Do you get 5 the groceries? 6 A. You know what? I shop when it's time to 7 cook for that particular day. 8 Q. Okay. So you -- 9 A. But I don't, you know, go to the grocery 10 store like -- like I used to. 11 Q. You don't go like you used to? 12 A. Unh-unh (Indicating yes). 13 Q. Well, what did you used to do? 14 A. Usually, I'd go to the grocery store and 15 shop, you know, get everything we need for that 16 month, grocery shop. And now I be tired, so I don't 17 even go. 18 Q. Okay. Do you go -- so do you go just about 19 every day, then, to try to make -- make dinner? 20 A. Well, I don't cook every day. 21 Q. You don't cook every day? 22 A. No. 23 Q. About how often do you cook now? 24 A. Maybe like once or twice a week. 25 Q. Once or twice a week. And you'll just stop</p>	<p>Page 145</p> <p>1 A. When I try to pay her, she'll take it. And 2 sometimes she won't. But -- 3 Q. Okay. 4 A. -- I have a -- a grand mother-in-law. 5 Q. All right. Is all of your husband's family 6 right there by y'all? 7 A. Yes. That's his family. 8 Q. Okay. Are you close to any of his brothers 9 or sisters? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Pretty close? 12 A. His sister. 13 Q. His sister. What's his sister's name? 14 A. Indian Sanders. 15 Q. Did you say India? 16 A. Indian Sanders. 17 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you spell it, 18 please? 19 A. Indian, I-N-D-I-A-N. 20 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Okay. And does she live 21 there next to y'all? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Do you and Indian talk very much? 24 A. No. 25 Q. No. Okay. Does she help y'all with your</p>

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<p>1 kids at all?</p> <p>2 A. She just lives there.</p> <p>3 Q. She just lives there?</p> <p>4 A. She just lives there.</p> <p>5 Q. All right. What -- what would you say is</p> <p>6 an average day for you on the days that you don't</p> <p>7 work, Sunday -- or Monday through Wednesday?</p> <p>8 A. What you mean, average day?</p> <p>9 Q. Like the average activities. Like, what --</p> <p>10 what do you normally get up -- what time do you</p> <p>11 normally get up in the morning?</p> <p>12 A. I get up every morning at 6:00.</p> <p>13 Q. To get your kids ready for school?</p> <p>14 A. Get the kids ready for school.</p> <p>15 Q. Does that -- do you ever get -- does that</p> <p>16 ever wear you out trying to get them ready for</p> <p>17 school?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. It does?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. You get -- does your chest ever hurt while</p> <p>22 you're trying to get them ready?</p> <p>23 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>24 Q. Do you get up and fix them breakfast?</p> <p>25 A. No. They eat breakfast at school.</p>	<p>Page 146</p> <p>1 Q. Do they come and -- do they come to your</p> <p>2 house?</p> <p>3 A. Yeah. They come home --</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. -- you know. You know, I'll cook</p> <p>6 sometimes, maybe like, you know, something that's not</p> <p>7 hard, that I don't have to run out to the store.</p> <p>8 Q. Right. Right.</p> <p>9 A. And mostly, my -- the mother-in-law -- my</p> <p>10 mother-in-law cooks. So --</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Does she come over to your place and</p> <p>12 cook, or does -- do they go over to her place?</p> <p>13 A. Her house.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Do you usually go over there and</p> <p>15 eat, too?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. No. Okay. So what do -- do you do</p> <p>18 anything in the evenings --</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. -- routinely or anything?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. Do you -- do y'all go to church?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p> <p>24 Q. Where do y'all go to church?</p> <p>25 A. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.</p>
<p>Page 147</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. What about -- do you have to get</p> <p>2 them -- have to get them dressed, or do they pretty</p> <p>3 much take care of that?</p> <p>4 A. My little girl, I just comb her hair.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. And then after they go to school,</p> <p>6 pretty much, what do you do with the rest of the day?</p> <p>7 A. This is embarrassing. I go back to sleep.</p> <p>8 Q. You go back to sleep?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. I don't blame you one bit. I wish I could.</p> <p>11 But -- so how -- about how late do you sleep, then?</p> <p>12 A. Approximately like -- maybe like 1:00 or</p> <p>13 2:00. I don't really be asleep. I'll just be laying</p> <p>14 there watching TV.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. And then, what do you -- what</p> <p>16 do you do when you get up?</p> <p>17 A. Just anything. I don't just say get up and</p> <p>18 cook, you know, clean up the house. It's -- the</p> <p>19 house is not dirty now.</p> <p>20 Q. Right.</p> <p>21 A. So, you know, I straighten up and basically</p> <p>22 just lounge around the house. I'll put it like that.</p> <p>23 Q. And then your kids get home in the</p> <p>24 afternoon from school?</p> <p>25 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p>	<p>Page 149</p> <p>1 Q. There in Macon?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Are you pretty active in the church?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. No?</p> <p>6 A. I don't do anything in the church. I just</p> <p>7 go to church.</p> <p>8 Q. About how often do y'all go? Do you go on</p> <p>9 Sunday morning?</p> <p>10 A. Well, they go just about every other</p> <p>11 Sunday, and I may go -- I might go like once a month,</p> <p>12 maybe twice a month.</p> <p>13 Q. But -- but your -- your kids go every --</p> <p>14 about ever other Sunday?</p> <p>15 A. Just about every other Sunday.</p> <p>16 Q. Is that where all of your family goes?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Is that where your -- your husband's family</p> <p>19 goes, too?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay.</p> <p>22 MR. FORD: Let me change this tape.</p> <p>23 MR. BLOUNT: Sure.</p> <p>24 MR. FORD: This concludes Tape No. 1</p> <p>25 of the deposition of Mary F. Sanders, taken on April</p>

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<p>1 the 16th, 2004. The time is 12:21 p.m. We're off 2 the record.</p> <p>3 (After a discussion off the record, 4 the deposition continued as follows:)</p> <p>5 MR. FORD: This begins Tape No. 2 in 6 the continuing deposition of Mary F. Sanders, taken 7 on April the 16th, 2004. The time is 12:40 p.m. 8 We're on the record.</p> <p>9 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Okay, Ms. Sanders. I 10 asked some questions about -- back to your -- some of 11 the -- related to your -- the work you do?</p> <p>12 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>13 Q. Have you ever had to stay home from work 14 because of your -- your chest hurting you or your -- 15 your headaches? Did you ever --</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. About how frequently does that happen?</p> <p>18 A. On a scale of what?</p> <p>19 Q. Well, I mean, like, say, on -- on an 20 average month, how many days do you have to take off 21 because -- because of your headaches and your chest 22 pains or -- or any condition that you relate to your 23 taking diet drugs?</p> <p>24 A. Well, with my chest pain, I've had to stay 25 home maybe like once or twice within the past couple</p>	<p>Page 150</p> <p>1 Q. Do you have an idea of maybe how much 2 money, maybe, you lost?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. No. Can you think of maybe how many days 5 you've missed as a result of -- total days of -- of 6 either having -- your chest hurting or your head 7 hurting or -- or days you've had to take off to come 8 talk to your attorney?</p> <p>9 A. No, unh-unh (Indicating no).</p> <p>10 Q. Excuse me. Has any doctor ever told you 11 that you need to -- that you need to stay home 12 because of your condition?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Do you remember what -- you -- you 15 said last year, you filed your income taxes for 16 \$6,000; is that correct?</p> <p>17 A. Yeah -- well, 2004.</p> <p>18 Q. 2004?</p> <p>19 A. 6,000.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. No. 2003 income tax.</p> <p>22 Q. 2003. Okay.</p> <p>23 A. Sorry.</p> <p>24 Q. Well, I was about to say, if you've made 25 \$6,000 already, that's pretty good. When you were</p>
<p>1 of years.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay.</p> <p>3 A. But like I say, with my chest, it tightens 4 up, and I just relax. And then after a while, it'll 5 pass over.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. But that first headache -- it happens so 8 often, that I just can't take off work, you know, 9 every time I get a headache.</p> <p>10 Q. Right.</p> <p>11 A. I just try to just work through it.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you feel like you've lost any clients 13 because of that, because of your --</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. -- headache or having to take off a couple 16 of days?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. No. Okay. Are you claiming lost wages in 19 your current lawsuit? Do you know?</p> <p>20 A. I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q. Don't know. But do you think you've lost 22 any money because of taking diet drugs?</p> <p>23 A. I think I could have made more.</p> <p>24 Q. You could have made more?</p> <p>25 A. I could have worked more.</p>	<p>Page 151</p> <p>1 taking your -- taking the diet drugs prescribed by 2 Dr. Henson, you said they made you feel jittery?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Did they make you stay awake? Could you -- 5 could you sleep while you were on them?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. No?</p> <p>8 MS. TOLLE: Could you clarify the 9 answer to that question as far as, no, that they made 10 you stay awake, or, no, that you couldn't sleep?</p> <p>11 A. Oh. I -- you know, I could sleep, but, you 12 know, I was always jittery like I always had to do 13 something.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay.</p> <p>15 A. And then I would just -- you know, when it 16 was time to go to bed, you go to bed. You know, I'd 17 just lay down and mostly just watch TV --</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. -- until I would finally go to sleep.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you -- did you lose -- you didn't -- 21 did you lose weight on that -- on diet drugs?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. No. Not even a couple of pounds?</p> <p>24 A. Not that -- no.</p> <p>25 Q. No?</p>

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<p>1 A. You know, I really didn't do a lot of 2 weighing or notice my clothes -- 3 Q. Did you try to diet while you were on them? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Did you do any exercise while you -- while 6 you took the drugs? 7 A. No. You know, I might have walked a little 8 bit. 9 Q. Okay. 10 A. I -- I don't remember. 11 Q. Did anybody tell you, you looked better, 12 that you looked like you had lost weight? 13 A. No. 14 Q. No. Have you been back to see Dr. Henson 15 at all since the last prescription? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Okay. Have you been back to the pharmacy, 18 Kmart Pharmacy in Mobile, since then? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Okay. And you -- correct me if I'm wrong, 21 but you said earlier that you've never talked to a 22 doctor about taking diet drugs? 23 A. No. 24 Q. Okay. What all -- what all medical 25 conditions are -- are you alleging in this lawsuit?</p>	<p>Page 154</p> <p>1 1 taking diet drugs? 2 A. I don't know. 3 Q. You don't know. Has anyone told you that 4 that's -- this is caused by taking diet drugs? 5 A. No. 6 Q. What made you -- what made you start to 7 think that maybe they -- it was caused by diet drugs, 8 maybe there was a relationship between taking diet 9 drugs and your health problems? 10 A. No more like -- say that again. 11 Q. I'm sorry. What -- what made you think 12 that maybe your health problems -- that there was a 13 relationship between your health problems and the -- 14 the diet drugs you took? 15 A. Well, I have heard some people have died 16 from the pill. And I know I -- I have taken them, 17 and I know it would -- you know, complain of chest 18 pains. 19 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 20 A. You know, you read about it and hear about 21 it. 22 Q. What exactly have -- what -- you said some 23 people -- you heard some people had died from taking 24 the pills? 25 A. Yeah.</p>
<p>Page 155</p> <p>1 A. Well, headache, fatigue, chest pains, 2 nauseated. 3 Q. And what do you think these are symptoms 4 of? Do you think that there's -- is there a certain 5 condition that you claim that you have? 6 A. No. 7 Q. No. What about the conditions that are 8 listed on that echocardiogram of Dr. Tai's that -- on 9 the exhibit there? 10 A. Well, I -- I really don't understand that. 11 Q. Okay. But you don't feel -- do you feel 12 like your heart is normal? 13 A. No. 14 Q. No. Do -- is there any specific thing 15 about -- about your heart maybe you think is wrong? 16 A. Just when it beats real fast, you know, 17 chest tightening. I know that shouldn't happen like 18 that all of the time. And just, like, as far as just 19 having headaches and being out of breath, if I walk 20 from here to there -- 21 Q. Right. 22 A. -- I feel like I'm about to pass out. 23 Q. Okay. 24 A. I don't think all of that's normal. 25 Q. Okay. And do you think this was caused by</p>	<p>Page 157</p> <p>1 Q. What -- do you remember what pills? 2 A. I don't know what pills, but I know it was, 3 you know, fen-phen. 4 Q. Fen-phen? 5 A. And I know phentermine -- I know that had 6 to be related, just some type of related. 7 Q. Did someone tell you that was related to 8 it? 9 A. No. You know, no one -- just talking, you 10 know, to people. 11 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). You said that you 12 had seen the -- you had seen some things about it 13 on -- you mean on television? 14 A. Like -- yeah. Like TV and Internet. You 15 know how you just read it, and someone has died -- 16 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 17 A. -- from taking diet drugs pills. 18 Q. Right. Do you remember -- do you remember 19 what -- maybe what program you saw that talked about 20 diet drugs pills? 21 A. No. Just -- you know, just if you scan 22 through the Internet and just seeing about it, 23 reading it. 24 Q. Did you remember any -- any web sites on 25 the Internet you were on that talked about it?</p>

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<p>Page 158</p> <p>1 A. No. 2 Q. Okay. How did you come to hire the -- 3 your -- your current attorneys? 4 A. I don't remember. 5 Q. Do you remember if anybody told you that 6 the Colom Law Firm was a good firm, that you should 7 go talk to them? 8 A. No. I don't -- I -- I don't remember. 9 I -- I don't even remember how it got started. I 10 forgot. 11 Q. Do you remember seeing maybe any 12 advertisements from the Colom firm? 13 A. No. Actually -- you know, and Macon is a 14 small town. 15 Q. Right. 16 A. And you hear word of mouth, you know, that 17 it was a lawsuit. They was checking up on those diet 18 pills that -- because mostly everybody in Macon went 19 to Gordo. 20 Q. Okay. 21 A. And so, you know, one just followed the 22 other. We were just going to see what was going on. 23 Q. All right. So you -- you knew a lot of 24 people, then, that took diet drugs? 25 A. You know, I know a lot of people that took</p>	<p>Page 160</p> <p>1 A. No. I just know they went to Gordo, and we 2 all went to the same place. 3 Q. Was it about all the same time? 4 A. No. I don't -- I don't know. 5 Q. Okay. 6 A. I don't know when they went. 7 Q. Have you heard either -- that either Ms. 8 Chandler or Ms. Jones are -- are involved in any diet 9 drug litigation? 10 A. Well, I know they have got paid for it. 11 Q. They've both been paid for it? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Have you ever heard them say how much they 14 were paid? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Did you ever hear them say that it was a 17 settlement or that it was court hearing, that they 18 won a case? 19 A. I don't know. I don't know. 20 Q. Don't know. Do you know if they were 21 represented by -- who they were represented by, what 22 attorney? 23 A. Lillian Chandler, I think the Colom Law 24 Firm. 25 Q. Colom firm.</p>
<p>Page 159</p> <p>1 them, but not just talking to people like, you know, 2 hey, let's go do this pill or do that pill. 3 Q. Right. 4 A. But like I said, it's Macon. You know, a 5 lot of people went to Gordo to get diet pills. 6 Q. Okay. Can you remember anybody else that 7 took them besides Ms. Stallings? 8 A. Well, there was a lot people in Macon, you 9 know. 10 Q. Do you remember any of their names? 11 A. Well, just one. Lillian Chandler. 12 Q. Lillian Chandler? 13 A. Yeah. And Deborah Jones. 14 Q. Anybody else? 15 A. It was -- it was just a lot of people. 16 Q. Okay. 17 A. I -- you know, I can't think of all of the 18 names. 19 Q. Do you remember if -- what pills Ms. 20 Chambers -- you said Chambers? I'm sorry. Chandler? 21 A. Chandler. 22 Q. Chandler and Jones, do you remember what 23 either one of them would have taken, what pills? 24 A. No. 25 Q. Did they ever say they took fen-phen?</p>	<p>Page 161</p> <p>1 A. Or Beasley & Adam -- Beasley & Allen -- 2 Adam, something -- 3 MS. TOLLE: If you don't know, don't 4 speculate. 5 BY THE WITNESS: Okay. 6 Q. (By Mr. Blount) You're welcome to 7 speculate. Did either Ms. Chandler or Ms. Jones tell 8 you that you should go see the Colom Law Firm? 9 A. No. 10 Q. Okay. Do you remember any one person 11 saying, hey, Mary, why don't you call up the Colom 12 Law Firm? 13 A. I don't remember. 14 Q. You don't. Okay. Do you remember -- you 15 don't -- so you don't remember any advertisements 16 involving diet drugs and the Colom Law Firm? 17 MS. TOLLE: You already asked that. 18 Objection. 19 Q. (By Mr. Blount) You -- you can go ahead 20 and answer? 21 A. I don't know. I don't know. 22 Q. You don't know. When did you first contact 23 the Colom firm? 24 A. I don't remember. 25 Q. You don't remember?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 162</p> <p>1 A. It was so long ago, I don't remember. 2 Q. Do you remember if it was before you went 3 and had your echo done? 4 A. Yes, it was before. 5 Q. Okay. Because they're -- they're the ones 6 that instructed you to get the echo, correct? 7 A. Right. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. Do you remember if you had already 9 signed on to be a client of theirs before you had the 10 echo? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. You had. Okay. Do you remember -- did you 13 try to talk -- did you talk to any other law firms -- 14 A. No. 15 Q. -- before you talked to them? 16 A. No. 17 Q. No. Okay. And the Colom firm has never 18 represented you on anything before? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Okay. Have they -- have they ever 21 represented anyone in your family, that you know of? 22 A. No. 23 Q. Okay. Have you talked to -- have you 24 talked to anybody else in your family about whether 25 or not you should have hired them as a law firm?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 164</p> <p>1 A. No. Columbus. 2 Q. In Columbus. I got several in Columbus 3 myself. Did you -- did you talk with anybody to 4 prepare for this deposition today? 5 A. No. 6 Q. No. Just talked to your attorney? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. Did you review any of the paperwork 9 that's in front of you this morning? 10 A. No. No more than you just showed me. 11 Q. Did you look at anything else this morning 12 to prepare for your -- 13 A. No. 14 Q. -- the deposition? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Okay. Did you do anything -- anything else 17 to prepare for the deposition yesterday? 18 A. No. 19 Q. Okay. Have you ever talked any of your 20 doctors about bringing this lawsuit? 21 A. No. 22 Q. No. When you -- you said when you -- you 23 had heard of several other lawsuits before you 24 decided to bring your own, is that correct, involving 25 diet drugs, Ms. -- maybe Ms. Chandler's lawsuit or</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 163</p> <p>1 A. No. 2 Q. No. Okay. Have you done any -- any 3 independent research? You said you got on the 4 Internet, and you looked up some of the diet drugs; 5 is that correct? 6 A. I don't know as I just looked it up. 7 Just -- I just browsed through the Internet, you 8 know, just reading like so. 9 Q. Have you ever -- have you seen any -- 10 anything on the Internet about some of the problems 11 people have that took -- took any diet drugs? 12 A. Not that I can recall. 13 Q. Okay. Have you looked up any of your 14 symptoms, like -- on the Internet? Have you looked 15 up chest pain or shortness of breath or anything? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Okay. Have you ever been convicted of a 18 crime? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Not a misdemeanor or felony? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Ever got a speeding ticket? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. You have. Was that -- was that in -- was 25 that in Noxubee County?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 165</p> <p>1 maybe Ms. Jones'? 2 A. Everything was done at the same time. 3 Every -- everybody went and checked out everything in 4 Macon. 5 Q. Okay. 6 A. Everything was done at the same time. You 7 know, as far as, like, how far they went, I don't 8 know. I just know we all went at the same time -- 9 went -- met up in Macon just to hear about what was 10 going on. And from there, what they did, I don't 11 know. 12 Q. Now, you said you went up -- did you go to 13 a certain place? 14 A. Yes. In Macon. 15 Q. Where did -- where did y'all go in Macon? 16 I mean, was there -- was there a meeting that was 17 held that you attended? 18 A. Yeah. It was just a meeting that was held, 19 yeah. 20 MS. TOLLE: I'm going to object right 21 now because -- if I can have a minute just to ask her 22 if it goes into the attorney-client privilege? 23 MR. BLOUNT: Sure. Go ahead. 24 MS. TOLLE: We're going to have to 25 step outside.</p>

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<p>1 MR. BLOUNT: That's fine. 2 MR. FORD: We're off the record. The 3 time is 12:54 p.m. 4 (After a recess, the deposition 5 continued as follows:) 6 MR. FORD: We're back on the record. 7 The time is 1:03 p.m. 8 MR. BLOUNT: Are you -- okay. Are you 9 objecting to me asking about the meetings she 10 attended? 11 MS. TOLLE: I'm -- we're right at a 12 fine line. 13 MR. BLOUNT: Okay. 14 MS. TOLLE: I object to the point when 15 it starts -- where she starts talking to her 16 attorneys. 17 MR. BLOUNT: Right. I understand. 18 Q. (By Mr. Blount) The meeting -- you said 19 you attended -- or everybody was attending a meeting; 20 is that correct? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Was that a lot of people you knew in Macon 23 that were attending the meeting? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Okay. Was that meeting held by your</p>	Page 166	<p>1 Q. And what -- what -- what happened at the 2 meeting? Was -- was there a speaker? 3 A. Well, basically, they were just saying, you 4 know, have you -- have you taken any diet drugs? 5 Q. Okay. 6 A. You know, just bring your pills bottles and 7 something like that. And basically, that's all we 8 did. 9 Q. And did you have any pills bottles? 10 A. I don't remember. 11 Q. Okay. Do you remember if you turned any 12 pill bottles over to an attorney? 13 A. I don't remember. I remember turning 14 something -- I don't remember what I turned over. I 15 don't remember. 16 Q. Did -- did the people -- the Beasley & 17 Adams, was there a group of people there representing 18 them? 19 A. No. It was one person. 20 Q. Okay. Do you remember -- did they tell you 21 that they -- did that person discuss individuals like 22 yourself bringing lawsuits? Was that the topic of 23 conversation? 24 A. Say that one more time. 25 Q. What -- I'm sorry. What -- basically, what</p>	Page 168
<p>1 attorney? 2 A. No. 3 Q. Okay. 4 A. It was just on -- it was talking about diet 5 drugs -- 6 Q. Okay. Was it -- 7 A. -- and diet pills. 8 Q. It was a meeting -- someone was talking 9 about diet drugs? 10 A. Right. 11 Q. When you attended that meeting, had you 12 already signed up with an attorney? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Okay. Who held -- who held the meeting? 15 Do you know? Who was in charge? 16 A. Beasley & Allen. 17 Q. Beasley & Allen? 18 A. Yeah. 19 Q. Are they -- are they a law firm? 20 A. I don't know if -- I don't know -- 21 Q. Okay. 22 A. -- were they a law firm or -- I know it had 23 something to do with legal action -- 24 Q. Okay. 25 A. -- is why they was there.</p>	Page 167	<p>1 was the topic that they talked -- did they tell you 2 about? Did they tell you about lawsuits, or did they 3 tell you about health problems? 4 A. It was something about lawsuits. 5 Q. Okay. 6 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes). 7 Q. Did they -- do you know -- were they 8 soliciting people to sign up to be plaintiffs? 9 A. No. 10 Q. Okay. 11 A. No. 12 Q. Do you know -- did they -- were they -- did 13 they, at all, tell people what possible health 14 problems they could have? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Do you remember any specific drugs that 17 they may have talked about? 18 A. I don't remember. 19 Q. But they were talking about diet drugs? 20 A. Diet drugs. 21 Q. Okay. 22 A. Prescribed diet drugs. 23 Q. What else happened at that meeting? What 24 else did they -- I mean, did they talk for a while? 25 Was it -- was it like an hour long?</p>	Page 169

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<p>Page 170</p> <p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you remember what else -- any general or</p> <p>3 any -- any specific things that the person would have</p> <p>4 said?</p> <p>5 A. No. Basically, we just went down there,</p> <p>6 you know, and -- and signed up, and, you know, gave</p> <p>7 them whatever you had. And that was it.</p> <p>8 Q. When you say you signed up, what were you</p> <p>9 signing up for?</p> <p>10 A. Well, you fill a piece of paper. I don't</p> <p>11 remember what I sign up for or -- like I said, I</p> <p>12 don't know. I know he -- you know, he said give me</p> <p>13 prescribed diet drugs. And, you know, you're in the</p> <p>14 town of Macon. That's what we did.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. Did -- do you -- do you feel that</p> <p>16 you were signing up to be represented by an attorney?</p> <p>17 A. I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q. You don't know?</p> <p>19 A. I'm not sure.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. Did the person promise you any</p> <p>21 money?</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. No. Did the person tell you that you were</p> <p>24 going to be bringing a lawsuit?</p> <p>25 A. I don't know.</p>	<p>Page 172</p> <p>1 Q. Okay.</p> <p>2 MS. TOLLE: For the record, I'm -- I'm</p> <p>3 going to again state an objection. I'm not sure</p> <p>4 exactly who it was she spoke with at that point in</p> <p>5 time and want the objection on the record if it was</p> <p>6 at all connected with the Colom Law Firm.</p> <p>7 MR. BLOUNT: Okay.</p> <p>8 A. Well, they didn't mention Colom at all. I</p> <p>9 don't -- no.</p> <p>10 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Do you remember ever</p> <p>11 getting a call back from any of those people -- from</p> <p>12 that person? Did you ever talk to them again?</p> <p>13 A. I don't remember. I don't.</p> <p>14 Q. Do you remember if any of your -- if any of</p> <p>15 the people that were there that night, that you knew,</p> <p>16 ever ended up talking to them again?</p> <p>17 A. I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. I don't remember how -- I don't -- I don't</p> <p>20 remember none of it.</p> <p>21 Q. All right. At what point did you -- can</p> <p>22 you remember back at what point you agreed to be a</p> <p>23 client for the Colom Law Firm or agreed to hire them?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Did you -- did you meet with them and sign</p>
<p>Page 171</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. Do you remember, at all, if they</p> <p>2 talked about the Colom Law Firm?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. I don't remember that.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you remember if the individual that --</p> <p>7 that y'all talked to, was he -- was he -- did he</p> <p>8 address you as a group, or did he talk to you one on</p> <p>9 one?</p> <p>10 A. It was a group of us.</p> <p>11 Q. Did he -- did he get up kind of like on a</p> <p>12 podium at church --</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. -- and talk to you?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. So did people ask him questions and he</p> <p>17 answered them, or did he just give, like, a prepared</p> <p>18 speech?</p> <p>19 A. I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. Don't know. Do you remember talking to him</p> <p>21 individually yourself?</p> <p>22 A. Yes. Just, you know -- it was -- you know,</p> <p>23 it was a -- it was a lawsuit and -- you know, was</p> <p>24 there any prescribed drugs -- that was a prescribed</p> <p>25 drug. And that was it, and we went from there.</p>	<p>Page 173</p> <p>1 some paperwork saying, I want to be a -- that you're</p> <p>2 going to represent me?</p> <p>3 A. I don't remember how it first -- I don't --</p> <p>4 I know we signed up with one person, you know, signed</p> <p>5 some papers. And it went from there. So --</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. -- I don't know where it went from there.</p> <p>8 You know, even how it wound up here, I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. All right. Do you remember if Ms.</p> <p>10 Stallings was at that meeting you attended?</p> <p>11 A. I don't know.</p> <p>12 Q. Did you go by yourself to that meeting, or</p> <p>13 did you go with somebody?</p> <p>14 A. By myself.</p> <p>15 Q. You went yourself. Did you know a lot of</p> <p>16 people there?</p> <p>17 A. Well, you know, faces.</p> <p>18 Q. Do you remember if he talked at all about</p> <p>19 the drug Pondimin?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Do you remember if he talked at all</p> <p>22 about -- did he tell y'all anything about other</p> <p>23 lawsuits, successful lawsuits that have been filed?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 Q. Did he tell you anything about people that</p>

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<p>1 had settled for large amounts of money?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Did he tell any of y'all that you would be</p> <p>4 taking a echocardiogram test?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Is that the only meeting like that you</p> <p>7 attended?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you know of any other meetings that have</p> <p>10 occurred like that, maybe unrelated to diet drugs,</p> <p>11 just for other issues involving lawsuits?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Have you attended any of those?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Which -- what other ones have you attended?</p> <p>16 A. I can't think of none.</p> <p>17 Q. Were there any --</p> <p>18 A. I'd go --</p> <p>19 Q. -- others related to medicines?</p> <p>20 A. No. No. No medicines. Just like</p> <p>21 financial stuff like that.</p> <p>22 Q. Financial. Do you remember -- do you</p> <p>23 remember what any of that would have been?</p> <p>24 A. First Family and H & R Block.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. Were these people talking about</p>	<p>Page 174</p> <p>1 Q. So you -- so you haven't hired any of those</p> <p>2 other people?</p> <p>3 A. No. I just went to listen. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Well, what -- what, then -- do you</p> <p>5 remember what the subject matters of those -- any of</p> <p>6 those meetings were?</p> <p>7 A. Well -- no. That was involving my -- with</p> <p>8 my parents.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. You went with your parents?</p> <p>10 A. I basically just went with my parents.</p> <p>11 Q. Did -- were those -- but were those --</p> <p>12 those were other -- other similar gatherings where</p> <p>13 they were signing up people for lawsuits?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. Can you remember, like, any of the</p> <p>16 institutions they were looking into selling -- suing?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. Were they suing banks --</p> <p>19 A. I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. -- people that lend money?</p> <p>21 A. I don't know. I just went with them.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. Do you know, are your parents</p> <p>23 involved in any lawsuits?</p> <p>24 A. (No response).</p> <p>25 Q. Are your parents involved in any lawsuits?</p>
<p>1 bringing lawsuits?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you remember what the -- what they were</p> <p>4 going to be suing over?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you know if any of them talked about</p> <p>7 suing over mortgages or second mortgages?</p> <p>8 A. Oh. You know, finances.</p> <p>9 Q. Finances.</p> <p>10 A. Yeah. You know, getting stuff financed.</p> <p>11 Q. I guess --</p> <p>12 MS. TOLLE: I'm going to direct you at</p> <p>13 this point --</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>15 MS. TOLLE: -- don't answer any</p> <p>16 questions about any conversation you had with any</p> <p>17 other attorneys --</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>19 MS. TOLLE: -- about any -- that</p> <p>20 you've hired for anything.</p> <p>21 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Have you -- have you hired</p> <p>22 any other attorneys for anything?</p> <p>23 A. No. I mean, I was just listening.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay.</p> <p>25 A. I -- I've never had an attorney.</p>	<p>Page 175</p> <p>Page 177</p> <p>1 A. Now?</p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Have -- have they been in the past?</p> <p>5 A. Just that one.</p> <p>6 Q. Just that one. Do you remember who they</p> <p>7 sued?</p> <p>8 A. All I know was First Family.</p> <p>9 Q. It was First Family?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Do you know who represented them, what law</p> <p>12 firm?</p> <p>13 A. Colom.</p> <p>14 Q. Colom. Okay. Would it have been your</p> <p>15 parents that told you, maybe you should call Colom</p> <p>16 Law Firm for --</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. -- diet drugs?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 MS. TOLLE: Don't -- again, don't</p> <p>21 speculate if you don't know.</p> <p>22 Q. (By Mr. Blount) All right. So other than</p> <p>23 the -- other than the meeting you attended with --</p> <p>24 for diet drugs and the meeting that your parents --</p> <p>25 you attended with your parents about the financial</p>

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<p>1 lawsuit, have you attended any other large meetings 2 like that?</p> <p>3 A. You know, actually, it wasn't meetings like 4 that. They just -- they were just, you know, telling 5 people about a lawsuit.</p> <p>6 Q. Right. Right.</p> <p>7 A. It had to do with that.</p> <p>8 Q. Any other -- any other information -- 9 information?</p> <p>10 A. No. That was just that one time. No.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. Have you ever considered suing the 12 doctor that prescribed your drugs to you?</p> <p>13 A. I don't know.</p> <p>14 Q. Dr. Henson?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know. I just take advice from my 16 lawyer. I don't -- I don't know what's going on.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Would you sue your doctor if you 18 thought you could win some money from him?</p> <p>19 MS. TOLLE: I object.</p> <p>20 MR. BLOUNT: It's not a conversation 21 she's had with her attorney.</p> <p>22 Q. (By Mr. Blount) If -- did you -- okay. 23 Let me rephrase that. Do you think -- do you think 24 your physician did anything wrong in prescribing you 25 diet drugs?</p>	<p>Page 178</p> <p>1 diet drugs, do you think that they -- they -- they 2 did anything in that transaction that hurt you?</p> <p>3 A. I think if they was aware of it, you know.</p> <p>4 Q. If -- I'm sorry. Could you clarify what -- 5 that, please?</p> <p>6 A. If they was aware of -- that, you know, 7 it's going to cost people lives or any complications.</p> <p>8 Q. That -- that the pills could?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. The pills they sold you?</p> <p>11 A. Right.</p> <p>12 Q. Do you -- and you don't remember seeing any 13 kind of warning label?</p> <p>14 A. No.</p> <p>15 Q. Have you ever heard of any -- have you ever 16 heard of the US Government wanting people that had 17 taken diet drugs to go see a doctor?</p> <p>18 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>19 Q. Have you ever heard anyone say that the FDA 20 wants people to go see a doctor who has -- who have 21 taken diet drugs?</p> <p>22 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>23 Q. Have you ever seen a form or filled out a 24 form involving this litigation called an opt-out 25 form?</p>
<p>1 A. It just was unsafe.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you think it was unsafe?</p> <p>3 A. If it caused, you know, people to lose 4 their lives, yeah, that, I do.</p> <p>5 Q. So do you think Dr. Henson did anything 6 wrong in prescribing you diet drugs?</p> <p>7 A. It does if he was aware of it.</p> <p>8 Q. If -- if -- okay.</p> <p>9 A. If he was aware, you know, what could 10 happen.</p> <p>11 Q. If he was aware that -- that -- that the 12 pills were dangerous?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. Do you know if he was aware of it?</p> <p>15 MS. TOLLE: Object.</p> <p>16 A. I don't know.</p> <p>17 Q. (By Mr. Blount) All right. So to the best 18 of your knowledge, do you know if you're going to try 19 to sue Dr. Henson?</p> <p>20 A. I don't know. I --</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. Do you think pharmacy that you 22 received the drugs at in Mobile did anything wrong?</p> <p>23 A. I don't know.</p> <p>24 Q. You don't know. Do you think -- do you 25 think the pharmacy prescribing and giving you the</p>	<p>Page 179</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Do you remember signing -- do you 3 remember what it was called, if it was called an 4 intermediate opt-out or a back-end opt-out?</p> <p>5 A. I don't remember.</p> <p>6 Q. But you do remember signing one?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Would you have turned that over to your 9 attorney?</p> <p>10 A. I got it in the mail, and I mailed it back 11 off.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. BLOUNT: We're going to have to 14 hold up the deposition to get that. It hasn't been 15 produced to us --</p> <p>16 MS. TOLLE: Oh.</p> <p>17 MR. BLOUNT: -- I don't -- I don't 18 believe.</p> <p>19 MS. TOLLE: I think we have it.</p> <p>20 MR. BLOUNT: Do you?</p> <p>21 MS. TOLLE: You guys don't have this?</p> <p>22 MR. BLOUNT: It was not sent to me, 23 which -- and it's my understanding I have our -- our 24 complete record.</p> <p>25 MS. TOLLE: (Counsel examines</p>

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<p>1 documents).</p> <p>2 MR. BLOUNT: If it -- if it helps,</p> <p>3 Michelle, I haven't seen a back-end opt-out for</p> <p>4 any -- any plaintiff in this case yet.</p> <p>5 MS. TOLLE: I was trying to find a</p> <p>6 copy.</p> <p>7 MR. BLOUNT: If you have it, great.</p> <p>8 MS. TOLLE: I thought we had provided</p> <p>9 that.</p> <p>10 MR. BLOUNT: I'm not real sure -- I</p> <p>11 don't know why we don't have any for this case, but I</p> <p>12 haven't seen one.</p> <p>13 MS. TOLLE: It was in my -- all right.</p> <p>14 Could we go off the record for a moment?</p> <p>15 MR. BLOUNT: Sure.</p> <p>16 MR. FORD: We're off the record. The</p> <p>17 time is 1:17 p.m.</p> <p>18 (After a discussion off the record,</p> <p>19 the deposition continued as follows:)</p> <p>20 (Thereupon, the document hereinafter</p> <p>21 referred to as Exhibit No. 5 was marked.)</p> <p>22 MR. FORD: We're back on the record.</p> <p>23 The time is 1:21 p.m.</p> <p>24 Q. (By Mr. Blount) All right, Ms. Sanders. I</p> <p>25 want to hand you Exhibit No. 5, which is called</p>	<p>Page 182</p> <p>1 goes with this. I can't remember what it's called.</p> <p>2 Is this the only -- is this the only form you filled</p> <p>3 out?</p> <p>4 MS. TOLLE: Which one -- the fact</p> <p>5 sheet?</p> <p>6 A. I don't remember. That's been so long ago.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. All right. All right.</p> <p>8 MS. TOLLE: Which one are you --</p> <p>9 MR. BLOUNT: Is -- is there another</p> <p>10 form that -- do you know if there's another form that</p> <p>11 goes with this, just that's more -- has more</p> <p>12 biographical information and a list of providers that</p> <p>13 provided diet drugs?</p> <p>14 MS. TOLLE: It's not -- not on the</p> <p>15 fact sheet?</p> <p>16 MR. BLOUNT: I think it's got another</p> <p>17 color name, like the blue form or the turquoise one.</p> <p>18 I'm not sure.</p> <p>19 MS. TOLLE: It's not -- I don't see it</p> <p>20 in here.</p> <p>21 MR. BLOUNT: This is the only one that</p> <p>22 I really need, but I was just curious.</p> <p>23 MS. TOLLE: Yeah. I don't --</p> <p>24 MR. BLOUNT: Okay.</p> <p>25 MS. TOLLE: I'll check.</p>
<p>Page 183</p> <p>1 "ORANGE FORM #3."</p> <p>2 A. Uh-huh (Indicating yes).</p> <p>3 Q. And this is a diet drug settlement with</p> <p>4 American Home Products, Orange Form #3. It's the</p> <p>5 back-end opt-out. It's on the top sentence there,</p> <p>6 underlined. Have you seen this form before?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Do you remember signing it on the --</p> <p>9 on the back page here, under No. 3?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. That is your signature on October</p> <p>12 24th, 2002?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. And on the front of it, I just want</p> <p>15 to -- did you fill this information out? It's typed.</p> <p>16 Is your name typed here?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 A. My eyes are killing me.</p> <p>20 Q. Pardon?</p> <p>21 A. My head is hurting. It's my eyes.</p> <p>22 Q. Are you okay?</p> <p>23 A. Yeah.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Do you remember filling out any</p> <p>25 other paperwork? There's usually another form that</p>	<p>Page 185</p> <p>1 Q. (By Mr. Blount) All right, Ms. Sanders.</p> <p>2 We've talked about the doctor and the pharmacy. But</p> <p>3 obviously, the two pills were manufactured by</p> <p>4 companies. Do you have -- do you claim anything was</p> <p>5 done wrong by these companies in making those --</p> <p>6 making those pills you took?</p> <p>7 A. Only if it costs lives. That's all I know,</p> <p>8 you know. I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Have you been to see a doctor, other</p> <p>10 than your gynecologist and the dentist, since you had</p> <p>11 your echocardiogram done?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. No?</p> <p>14 A. Baptist Memorial.</p> <p>15 Q. Baptist Memorial?</p> <p>16 A. Yeah. That's when I was having bad chest</p> <p>17 pains.</p> <p>18 Q. When you had bad chest -- you had those</p> <p>19 after you had your echocardiogram done?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. At that point, did you tell anybody</p> <p>22 in the -- the emergency room that you saw -- that you</p> <p>23 had -- you were involved in litigation about diet</p> <p>24 drugs?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 186</p> <p>1 Q. Do you remember telling them, hey, I've 2 had -- I've had a heart test done before? Did you 3 tell them -- 4 A. No. 5 Q. Okay. You didn't tell them about your 6 echo, then? 7 A. No. But I was so -- unh-unh (Indicating 8 no). I didn't even think about that. 9 Q. All right. Do you -- about how long after 10 that was -- was your visit to Baptist? 11 A. I don't remember. I remember that echo was 12 a while ago. It was a long time ago. 13 Q. Was it -- has it been a -- over a year 14 since you went to Baptist? 15 A. I went to Baptist -- I was really trying to 16 remember, was I working with -- was I working with 17 512 or Brenda's Cutting Edge. I know it was back in 18 Macon. 19 Q. Okay. Has it be within the past 12 months, 20 though? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Okay. Has any attorney told you to go see 23 a doctor other than the echocardiogram -- 24 A. No. 25 Q. -- you had done?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 188</p> <p>1 A. I don't know. 2 Q. Okay. All right. That's all I have. 3 Thank you. 4 MS. TOLLE: All right. You guys, did 5 you have some questions, on the phone? 6 MS. LADNER: I have a few. 7 MS. TOLLE: Okay. I don't -- I mean, 8 whichever order you guys want to go in. 9 MS. LADNER: That's fine. Emilie, why 10 don't you go first? 11 MS. WHITEHEAD: Okay. 12 MS. TOLLE: Can you guys hear okay? 13 MR. BROUILLETTE: Yes. 14 MS. TOLLE: Okay. 15 EXAMINATION 16 BY MS. WHITEHEAD: 17 Q. Ms. Sanders, can you hear me? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. My name is Emilie Whitehead. I have a few 20 questions to ask you this afternoon. I'm looking at 21 your two pharmacy records, one for Kmart, showing a 22 prescription for -- showing a prescription for 23 Remeron, I believe, in March of '99. It is correct 24 that you got the phentermine prescription filled in 25 February of '99 and the Remeron prescription filled</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 187</p> <p>1 A. No. 2 Q. What other additional treatments do you 3 think you're going to need as a result of taking diet 4 drugs? 5 MS. TOLLE: I object to the extent 6 that it calls for a medical conclusion, and she 7 wouldn't know. 8 Q. (By Mr. Blount) Do you think you're going 9 to need to be hospitalized in the future because of 10 your heart and -- your heart pains? 11 A. I don't know. 12 Q. Don't know. Do you think you're going to 13 need to take any medicine? 14 A. If it continues like this, yes. 15 Q. Okay. Are you -- are you seeking to 16 recover the price you paid for the drugs you bought? 17 A. I don't know. 18 Q. As far as if you win the lawsuit, are -- 19 are you hoping that you'll get the money back that 20 you paid for the diet drugs, get your money back for 21 something that hurt you? 22 A. Rephrase that again. 23 Q. I'm sorry. Are -- are -- in -- in this 24 lawsuit, are you -- are you seeking to recover the 25 cost that you paid for the drugs?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 189</p> <p>1 in March of '99? 2 MS. TOLLE: Are you talking about the 3 B & O sheet? 4 MS. WHITEHEAD: Yes. 5 MS. TOLLE: Okay. Not the Kmart. Do 6 you know which one she's talking about? 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. 8 MS. TOLLE: Okay. 9 MS. WHITEHEAD: Well, Michelle, I'm 10 actually talking about one. The -- the phentermine 11 is on the Kmart list, and the Remeron is on the B & O 12 list. 13 MS. TOLLE: Okay. So we're looking at 14 both of them. 15 MS. WHITEHEAD: Right. 16 Q. (By Ms. Whitehead) And as I understand it, 17 Ms. Sanders, you had the prescription for the 18 phentermine filled at the Kmart pharmacy on February 19 the 8th of 1999. You had the prescription for 20 Remeron filled at B & O Pharmacy in March of 1999. 21 And I am just wondering if that is correct? 22 A. Yes, ma'am. 23 Q. As I understand it, Dr. Denzil Robertson is 24 the physician who prescribed the Remeron? 25 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 190</p> <p>1 Q. And it's your testimony today that at that 2 time, you were having some chest pains, and that 3 precipitated your visit to Dr. Robertson and the 4 receipt of the Remeron? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Did you discuss any anxiety that you were 7 having with Dr. Robertson at that time? 8 MS. TOLLE: I object to the form. 9 Q. (By Ms. Whitehead) When you visited with 10 Dr. Robertson prior to his giving you the Remeron 11 prescription, were you experiencing symptoms of 12 anxiety? 13 A. I was. Yes. 14 Q. Were you experiencing symptoms of sadness 15 or loss of enjoyment of life? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Did Dr. Robertson describe or diagnose you 18 with having an anxiety attack or a panic attack? 19 A. No, ma'am. Not that I can recall. 20 Q. Do you recall if he diagnosed you with 21 suffering from depression? 22 A. Definitely no. 23 Q. No. Are -- are you aware of what the 24 prescription Remeron is prescribed for? 25 A. No, ma'am.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 192</p> <p>1 Q. Do you recall whether it was a capsule, a 2 tablet, or a pill? 3 A. I don't remember. 4 Q. And as I understand it, when you took the 5 diet drugs, you had a feeling of heart racing and 6 that sort of thing; is that correct? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Do you still have those symptoms today? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And you still associate those symptoms with 11 having taken diet drugs in 1999? 12 A. I don't know. 13 Q. Okay. Do you remember any words or 14 markings on the diet drugs? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Other than the peach drug, you do not 17 recall what the other drugs -- what the color of the 18 other drug was; is that correct? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Have you ever had any communications with a 21 company called Goldline Pharmaceuticals? 22 A. No. 23 Q. Have you ever had any communications with a 24 company called Rugby Laboratories? 25 A. No.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 191</p> <p>1 Q. He did not indicate to you why he was 2 giving you that prescription? 3 A. No. 4 Q. In March of 1999 or February of 1999, did 5 you have anything going on in your life that was 6 causing you any particular stress or anxiety? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Okay. Did you have anything that was 9 causing you to be sad? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Were you having any family problems or 12 marital problems at that time? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Had your spouse or anyone else given you 15 any pressure about the need to loose weight or the 16 need to change anything about your lifestyle? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Ms. Sanders, can you tell me what, if 19 anything, you remember about the phentermine that you 20 were prescribed by Dr. Henson and what it looked 21 like? 22 A. I don't remember. 23 Q. And do you recall any -- anything about the 24 dosage? 25 A. No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 193</p> <p>1 Q. Have either of those companies ever made 2 any representations to you about any drug? 3 A. No. 4 Q. And as I understand it, anything that you 5 would have had left over in the way of bottles or 6 pills, you turned over to somebody at a meeting; is 7 that correct? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. And do you remember specifically having 10 done that? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Okay. And do you remember if you turned 13 over a bottle or a pill, which of the two? 14 A. I don't remember. 15 MS. WHITEHEAD: Michelle, at this 16 time, to the extent that might be in the possession 17 of Page Kruger or Colom, I would request production 18 of it or an opportunity to inspect it. 19 MS. TOLLE: Okay. And I'm not sure 20 what we have, but I will -- when I get back to the 21 office, I will find out. 22 MS. WHITEHEAD: Okay. And having said 23 that and pending any further pharmacy records or 24 medical records, I have no further questions. 25 MS. TOLLE: Okay. Thank you.</p>

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<p>1 MS. WHITEHEAD: Thank you, Ms. 2 Sanders. 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 4 EXAMINATION 5 BY MS. LADNER: 6 Q. Ms. Sanders, I'm Lynn Ladner. I've got 7 just a couple of very quick questions. I want to 8 clarify, did you ever receive any diet drug 9 medication prescriptions from any doctor other than 10 Dr. Henson? 11 A. No. 12 Q. Did you ever pick up any prescriptions for 13 diet drug medications from any pharmacy other than 14 the Wal-Mart in Mobile? 15 A. No. 16 Q. And have you ever had any communications 17 with SmithKline Beecham? 18 MS. TOLLE: I just want to clarify. 19 On your last question, you asked about Wal-Mart. 20 MS. LADNER: Yes, ma'am. 21 THE WITNESS: I never went to 22 Wal-Mart. It was Kmart. 23 MS. TOLLE: Okay. Could you say that 24 for the record? 25 A. Oh. I've never been to Wal-Mart. It was</p>	<p>Page 194 16th, 2004. The time is 1:36 p.m. We're off the record. (Whereupon, the deposition was concluded at 1:36 p.m.)</p>
<p>1 Kmart. 2 Q. (By Ms. Ladner) Excuse me. Thanks. I 3 appreciate your paying attention to that. So other 4 than the Kmart in Mobile, Alabama, you have not ever 5 received prescription medications for diet drugs from 6 any other pharmacy; is that correct? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. That is correct? 9 A. That's correct. 10 Q. Okay. And have you ever had any 11 communications with SmithKline Beecham? 12 A. No. 13 MS. LADNER: That's all I have at this 14 time. 15 MR. BROUILLETTE: I have no questions. 16 MS. TOLLE: Wow. 17 MR. BLOUNT: I just want to say to 18 leave the deposition open until -- pending any 19 further proof of taking Pondimin and any further 20 medical records that may exist that proves she took 21 Pondimin. 22 MS. TOLLE: Okay. All right. I have 23 no questions. 24 MR. FORD: This concludes the 25 deposition of Mary F. Sanders, taken on April the</p>	<p>Page 195 Page 197 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER 1 We, BOND & ASSOCIATES, Court Reporters in and 2 for the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that 3 the above and foregoing pages contain a full, true 4 and correct transcript of the testimony of Marsha 5 Wright, taken in the aforementioned case at the time 6 and place indicated, which proceedings were recorded 7 by Regina D. Russell, C.S.R., to the best of their 8 skill and ability. 9 We also certify that the witness was placed 10 under oath to tell the truth and that all answers 11 were given under that oath. 12 We certify we have no interest, monetary or 13 otherwise, in the outcome of this case. 14 This the 23rd day of April, 2004. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>

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<p>1 A. (Reviewed document.) Am I taking too 2 long? 3 Q. No, that's fine. All right. 4 Ms. Stallings, have you had an opportunity to look 5 through each page of the document that I just handed 6 to you? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. And do you recognize that as a 9 Plaintiff's Fact Sheet that you completed in 10 connection with your pursuit of a claim that's 11 connected with your taking of diet drugs? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. All right. Is the handwriting on that 14 form your own handwriting? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Did anyone assist you in completing that 17 form? 18 A. No. 19 Q. And after you completed the form, who did 20 you send it to? 21 A. Here, Page, Kruger & Holland. 22 Q. All right. 23 MR. WIENER: With that, let me get 24 Ms. Stallings' fact sheet marked as Exhibit No. 2, 25 please.</p>	Page 6	Page 8
<p>1 (EXHIBIT NO. 2 MARKED.) 2 MR. WIENER: 3 Q. Ms. Stallings, at the time that you 4 completed this fact sheet were you satisfied that 5 the information that you had put on the fact sheet 6 was true and accurate to the best of your knowledge 7 and belief? 8 A. Yes, to the best of my knowledge. 9 Q. All right. And does that appear to be a 10 complete and accurate copy of the fact sheet that 11 you submitted on that occasion? 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 MR. WIENER: Brandon, I neglected to 14 cover with you preliminaries before we began the 15 taking of the deposition. Of course, the deposition 16 is being taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of 17 Civil Procedure. Can we have an agreement that all 18 objections will be reserved except as to the form of 19 the question? 20 MR. DORSEY: Yes. 21 MR. WIENER: And also, Brandon, I 22 mentioned that I represented Wyeth, and, of course, 23 that company was previously known as American Home 24 Products. I would also be representing any Wyeth 25 entities that may have been named in the Complaint.</p>	Page 7	Page 9

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<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. All right. Give me a summary of what</p> <p>3 your claim was about.</p> <p>4 A. They didn't hire women. They had a</p> <p>5 problem with hiring women. They had all men. And I</p> <p>6 had filled out an application for a job and got</p> <p>7 denied. I didn't even get an interview.</p> <p>8 Q. I see.</p> <p>9 A. I filed a claim.</p> <p>10 Q. So your claim was discrimination based on</p> <p>11 gender --</p> <p>12 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>13 Q. -- based on the Macon Police Department</p> <p>14 not hiring you when you applied?</p> <p>15 A. Right. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And did you have an attorney in making</p> <p>17 that claim?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Who was your attorney?</p> <p>20 A. William Bambach.</p> <p>21 Q. Okay. And what was the outcome of your</p> <p>22 claim against the Macon Police Department?</p> <p>23 A. It wasn't enough evidence to prove that</p> <p>24 it was discrimination.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. Did the EEOC dismiss your charge</p>	Page 10		<p>1 pending that you gave a deposition?</p> <p>2 A. Let me see can I answer that.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. I don't remember how that actually went.</p> <p>5 I don't really recall the procedures totally. I</p> <p>6 don't know.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you still have a file about that claim</p> <p>8 at your home?</p> <p>9 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you give sworn testimony in a format</p> <p>11 that's similar to what we have today? In other</p> <p>12 words, was there a court reporter present who was</p> <p>13 typing down what you said?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. All right. And your attorney Mr.</p> <p>16 Bombock --</p> <p>17 A. Bambach.</p> <p>18 Q. -- Bambach, he was there with you when</p> <p>19 your testimony was taken?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And do you remember the lawyer that asked</p> <p>22 you the questions?</p> <p>23 A. No, sir.</p> <p>24 Q. He was representing the Macon Police</p> <p>25 Department?</p>	Page 12
<p>1 or make a finding that there was no cause to support</p> <p>2 your charge?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. You remember that the EEOC basically</p> <p>5 turned you down on that?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. And did you pursue any appeal or do</p> <p>8 anything further after the EEOC denied your claim?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. You didn't receive any type of settlement</p> <p>11 or money from the Macon Police Department?</p> <p>12 A. No.</p> <p>13 Q. Now, I believe you told me you had had</p> <p>14 your deposition taken before and that it was in that</p> <p>15 case.</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Is that correct?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. So you actually gave sworn testimony?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And to the best of your knowledge, was</p> <p>22 that sworn testimony given within the confines of</p> <p>23 the EEOC charge? In other words, what I'm asking</p> <p>24 you is, did you have a -- did you have a claim on</p> <p>25 file with EEOC and it was while that claim was</p>	Page 11		<p>1 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>2 Q. I have seen on various documents the name</p> <p>3 Brenda M. Stallings. Is that correct?</p> <p>4 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>5 Q. What does the "M" stand for?</p> <p>6 A. Macon.</p> <p>7 Q. All right. And before you were Brenda</p> <p>8 Stallings, did you have another name?</p> <p>9 A. I was Brenda Cunningham.</p> <p>10 Q. And when did you become Brenda Stallings</p> <p>11 and why did your name change at that time?</p> <p>12 A. I remarried, and it was in '96 -- 1996.</p> <p>13 Q. All right. And what was your name at</p> <p>14 birth?</p> <p>15 A. Brenda Lee Macon.</p> <p>16 Q. Brenda Lee Macon?</p> <p>17 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q. All right. And then was Cunningham a</p> <p>19 married name?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. All right. When did you marry</p> <p>22 Mr. Cunningham?</p> <p>23 A. In 1989.</p> <p>24 Q. And how did -- your marriage to him</p> <p>25 terminated?</p>	Page 13

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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And was it by divorce?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, divorce.</p> <p>4 Q. When did you and Mr. Cunningham become 5 divorced?</p> <p>6 A. 1992.</p> <p>7 Q. And do you remember where the divorce was 8 handled -- what court it was handled in?</p> <p>9 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you have an attorney on that 11 occasion?</p> <p>12 A. That was William Bambach also who did it.</p> <p>13 Q. Where were you living at the time of that 14 divorce?</p> <p>15 A. In Macon.</p> <p>16 Q. All right. So do you think it might have 17 been handled at the Noxubee County Chancery Court?</p> <p>18 A. We didn't go to court.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. And then you say you married in 20 1996 and became Brenda Stallings.</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. All right. And are you still married to 23 Mr. Stallings?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. What does he do for a living?</p>	Page 14	<p>1 A. -- we were separated for about six months.</p> <p>2 Q. All right. So you had two periods during 3 your marriage of being separated?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And are the two of you reconciled now?</p> <p>6 A. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Have you had any children with 8 Mr. Stallings?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. Did you have any children with 11 Mr. Cunningham?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. If you would, tell me the names and ages 14 of the children that you had with Mr. Cunningham.</p> <p>15 A. Okay. My daughter Shereka is 19, my son 16 Christopher is 18, and my son Demarcus who is 14.</p> <p>17 Q. And all three of those are children that 18 you had with Mr. Cunningham?</p> <p>19 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>20 Q. What's Mr. Cunningham's first name?</p> <p>21 A. Larry.</p> <p>22 Q. And where does he live?</p> <p>23 A. In Columbus, Mississippi.</p> <p>24 Q. Does he continue to have a relationship 25 with his children?</p>	Page 16
<p>1 A. He works at a chemical plant. I don't 2 know exactly what his job title is.</p> <p>3 Q. All right. What's the name of the 4 chemical plant?</p> <p>5 A. Kerr Magee Chemicals.</p> <p>6 Q. Where is that located?</p> <p>7 A. In Hamilton, Mississippi.</p> <p>8 Q. And has Mr. Stallings been doing -- been 9 working for that company since you married in 1996?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. All right. Have the two of you continued 12 to reside together continuously since your marriage?</p> <p>13 A. On and off. On and off.</p> <p>14 Q. On and off?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. There have been periods of time that you 17 all have been separated?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Can you tell me -- give me a best 20 judgment or best estimate of when -- of the periods 21 that you've been separated from each other?</p> <p>22 A. Just last year. It didn't last but about 23 two months last year. I don't know what month. And 24 about two years before then --</p> <p>25 Q. Okay.</p>	<p>1 A. No.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you ever see him?</p> <p>3 A. Occasionally. Not a lot.</p> <p>4 Q. And where do your three children reside 5 at the current time?</p> <p>6 A. They live with me.</p> <p>7 Q. And have each of them completed school or 8 are they in school?</p> <p>9 A. Shereka is in college and Christopher --</p> <p>10 both the other two are still in school.</p> <p>11 Q. Seniors?</p> <p>12 A. Christopher is a senior this year and</p> <p>13 Demarcus is going to the ninth grade.</p> <p>14 Q. All right. Thank you. Have you had any 15 other marriages other than to Mr. Cunningham and 16 Mr. Stallings?</p> <p>17 A. No, sir.</p> <p>18 Q. And have you had any other children than 19 the three children that you've talked about?</p> <p>20 A. No, sir.</p> <p>21 Q. Where were you born, Ms. Stallings?</p> <p>22 A. Noxubee County.</p> <p>23 Q. And your date of birth is?</p> <p>24 A. February 17, 1966.</p> <p>25 Q. And what is your Social Security number?</p>	Page 15	Page 17

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<p>1 A. 587-25-9948.</p> <p>2 Q. I'm sorry. Say that again, please.</p> <p>3 A. 587-25-9948.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Thank you. And you live in Macon</p> <p>5 at the present time?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you live in an apartment or a house?</p> <p>8 A. A house.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. Is it a single family residence?</p> <p>10 A. What do you mean by that?</p> <p>11 Q. Well, I'm asking is there any other</p> <p>12 family? Is there another part to the house?</p> <p>13 A. Oh, single family, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Yes. I meant as opposed to a duplex or</p> <p>15 something like that. And do you own that home?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, along with Jerry.</p> <p>17 Q. You and your husband, Mr. Stallings?</p> <p>18 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>19 Q. How long have you owned that home?</p> <p>20 A. Seven years.</p> <p>21 Q. And do your three children and</p> <p>22 Mr. Stallings all live together in that home?</p> <p>23 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>24 Q. Anybody else?</p> <p>25 A. That's it.</p>	Page 18	<p>1 Q. Or is it in downtown Macon?</p> <p>2 A. The town is so small -- it's in downtown,</p> <p>3 yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And do you operate your own hairstyling</p> <p>5 business?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>7 Q. What's the name of it?</p> <p>8 A. Brenda's Cutting Edge.</p> <p>9 Q. How long have you been operating that</p> <p>10 business?</p> <p>11 A. Five years.</p> <p>12 Q. Does anybody else work in the business</p> <p>13 with you?</p> <p>14 A. No, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. So on any given day if I walked into your</p> <p>16 place of business I would find you and you alone</p> <p>17 working there?</p> <p>18 A. Not on any given day. I only work on</p> <p>19 Wednesday through Saturday. So any day in between</p> <p>20 there it's just me.</p> <p>21 Q. All right. Have you ever had people</p> <p>22 working with you, other hairstylists?</p> <p>23 A. I rented a booth out once, but -- about</p> <p>24 six months.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. That didn't work out?</p>
<p>1 Q. Is it a one-story home or --</p> <p>2 A. One story.</p> <p>3 Q. And do you know approximately how large</p> <p>4 it is?</p> <p>5 A. No. Just three bedrooms and two baths is</p> <p>6 all I can tell you.</p> <p>7 Q. All right. Thank you. Have you ever</p> <p>8 lived outside of Macon County?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. So you were born and raised there and</p> <p>11 live there today. It's where you've lived your</p> <p>12 whole life?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Are you currently employed, Ms. Stallings?</p> <p>15 A. I'm self-employed.</p> <p>16 Q. All right. And what's your line of work?</p> <p>17 A. Hairstylist.</p> <p>18 Q. Hairstylist?</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 Q. And where is your place of business?</p> <p>21 A. It's in Macon, Mississippi.</p> <p>22 Q. Is it in -- it's not at your home, is it?</p> <p>23 A. No. It's like a mile from my house.</p> <p>24 Q. Is it close to the downtown area?</p> <p>25 A. Yes, sir.</p>	Page 19	<p>1 A. That didn't work out.</p> <p>2 Q. And you told me that your usual schedule</p> <p>3 is Wednesday to Saturday?</p> <p>4 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>5 Q. What are your hours of operation during</p> <p>6 those days?</p> <p>7 A. Nine to 5:30.</p> <p>8 Q. What did you do before you started</p> <p>9 operating your hairstyling place?</p> <p>10 A. I drove a school bus for Noxubee County</p> <p>11 School System and worked at the Junior Food Mart.</p> <p>12 And what else did I do. Angie's Restaurant.</p> <p>13 Q. All right. Let's see if we can put some</p> <p>14 dates -- and I understand you may be just giving me</p> <p>15 an estimate or you may tell me you're just not able</p> <p>16 to do it. But do your best and let's see if we can</p> <p>17 figure out what dates you engaged in these different</p> <p>18 employments. You've told me that you operated your</p> <p>19 current hairstyling business for approximately five</p> <p>20 years?</p> <p>21 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 Q. All right. And so would that mean that</p> <p>23 you started sometime in approximately 1999?</p> <p>24 A. Well, that was my own business five years</p> <p>25 ago, but I did have previously at another salon I</p>

<p>1 just rented a booth. That was from -- oh, God, 2 these dates are going to be way out there. '92 to 3 '96, I believe, or '97. 4 Q. All right. And that's when you started 5 your own business? 6 A. I started my own business in '99. 7 Q. Okay. 8 A. So any dates -- between from '92 in 9 between that's where I was because I left one shop 10 and went immediately into my own. So the dates in 11 between there. 12 Q. So you were a hairstylist in someone 13 else's place of business. You had a booth in 14 someone else's place of business from approximately 15 1992 until you started your own business in 16 approximately 1999? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Where was the place that you worked 19 from '92? And I know you're using that as an 20 approximate date. 21 A. Uh-huh. 22 Q. Where was the place that you worked 23 from '92 to '99? 24 A. It's in Macon also. 25 Q. What's the name of it?</p>	Page 22	<p>1 Q. And I hear you're telling me that she was 2 the only one there for a while, but that's 3 suggesting that maybe someone else came and worked 4 there at some point. 5 A. Not while I was there. 6 Q. Okay. 7 A. Maybe I phrased it wrong. 8 Q. I got you. All right. 9 A. It was just me and her during that time. 10 Q. Well, good. That's what I want you to do 11 is listen carefully to me to my questions. 12 A. Okay. 13 Q. And it sounds like you're doing that. 14 All right. And before working at the place owned by 15 Ms. Johnson in approximately 1992, you worked where? 16 A. Mayfair Apartments. I worked there seven 17 years. 18 Q. What did you do for them? 19 A. I was a resident manager. 20 Q. All right. And where are the Mayfair 21 Apartments located? 22 A. It's in Macon. 23 Q. Who was the person that you worked for 24 when you worked for Mayfair Apartments? 25 A. Hughes Management.</p>
<p>1 A. It was JJ Beauty Salon. 2 Q. And who was the owner of that? 3 A. Katherine Johnson. 4 Q. And did Ms. Johnson also work at the 5 beauty salon? 6 A. No. 7 Q. She just owned it and other people came 8 in and had booths there? 9 A. Uh-huh. 10 Q. Did you have to pay her rent or what was 11 the arrangement that you had? 12 A. Yes, I just paid rent. 13 Q. Do you remember names of other 14 hairstylists that worked with you at that time? 15 A. Oh, when I started it was just Mary 16 Sanders when I started there. 17 Q. And where is Ms. Sanders from? 18 A. She's from Macon. 19 Q. All right. And can you give me the names 20 of other people that worked with you or that worked 21 in that same place? 22 A. It was just me and her for a while at 23 that time. 24 Q. All right. 25 A. Just two at a time.</p>	Page 23	<p>1 Q. Okay. That was the company that managed 2 the apartment complex? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. And was there a particular person at 5 Hughes Management that you reported to? 6 A. Oh, yes. Matthew Turner. 7 Q. Where was he located? 8 A. He was located in Louisville. 9 Q. Lucedale? 10 A. Louisville. 11 Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Louisville, Mississippi? 12 A. Uh-huh. 13 Q. What was the reason for your leaving the 14 employment of Hughes Management and Mayfair 15 Apartments? 16 A. I just got tired of it. 17 Q. So you voluntarily resigned? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. And went from there to working as the 20 hairstylist? 21 A. Uh-huh. 22 Q. What did you do before you worked for the 23 Hughes Management? 24 A. I was a bus driver. 25 Q. For Macon Schools?</p>

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<p>1 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 Q. And did that -- well, let's -- I was</p> <p>3 trying to establish dates. So let's see if we can</p> <p>4 do this. You worked for Mayfair and Hughes</p> <p>5 Management approximately seven years?</p> <p>6 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>7 Q. So does that take us back to about 1985?</p> <p>8 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q. And then you -- before that you were</p> <p>10 working as a bus driver for the Macon County</p> <p>11 Schools?</p> <p>12 A. Right. I think I went too far back when</p> <p>13 I said '85. That's the year I graduated. These</p> <p>14 dates are going to mess me up. I started working</p> <p>15 for the Noxubee County School System in 1987 and I</p> <p>16 started working for Mayfair Apartments also in</p> <p>17 1987. I worked both jobs.</p> <p>18 Q. I see.</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. And --</p> <p>22 Q. Go ahead.</p> <p>23 A. And Junior Food Mart. Add that in in</p> <p>24 1988.</p> <p>25 Q. So were you working at all three places</p>	<p>Page 26</p> <p>1 that correct?</p> <p>2 A. Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. And how long did you drive a bus for</p> <p>4 Noxubee County Schools?</p> <p>5 A. Three years.</p> <p>6 Q. Three years?</p> <p>7 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 Q. And what was the -- who was -- I'm sorry.</p> <p>9 Who was the person that you worked for at the</p> <p>10 Noxubee County Schools?</p> <p>11 A. Who was the person? You want to know who</p> <p>12 the supervisor was?</p> <p>13 Q. Yes.</p> <p>14 A. Is that what you're asking? Okay.</p> <p>15 Charlie Conner.</p> <p>16 Q. Charlie Conner?</p> <p>17 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q. And did you run a route in the morning</p> <p>19 and then again in the afternoon?</p> <p>20 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>21 Q. What was the reason for your stopping</p> <p>22 work for Noxubee County Schools?</p> <p>23 A. It was beginning to interfere with my</p> <p>24 hours at the other job.</p> <p>25 Q. Okay. And which job was it interfering</p>
<p>1 for some period of time?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Noxubee County Schools as a bus driver.</p> <p>4 A. Uh-huh. Junior Food Mart.</p> <p>5 Q. The Junior Food Mart which is located</p> <p>6 where?</p> <p>7 A. In Macon.</p> <p>8 Q. In Macon. And also for the management</p> <p>9 company?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 MR. WIENER: I tell you what I'd like to</p> <p>12 do is take about a two-minute break. I've got</p> <p>13 10:36. Why don't we -- has everybody got that as</p> <p>14 their time? I may be wrong. I've got about 10:37.</p> <p>15 And why don't we come back at about 10:40. Is that</p> <p>16 okay with everybody?</p> <p>17 MR. DORSEY: That's fine.</p> <p>18 (OFF THE RECORD.)</p> <p>19 MR. WIENER:</p> <p>20 Q. Ms. Stallings, before we broke I was</p> <p>21 asking you about your employment history, and I</p> <p>22 think you were telling me that back in approximately</p> <p>23 1985 that that time period you were working for</p> <p>24 three employers simultaneously: Junior Food Mart,</p> <p>25 Hughes Management, and Noxubee County Schools. Is</p>	<p>Page 27</p> <p>1 with?</p> <p>2 A. Mayfair.</p> <p>3 Q. I see. And so you voluntarily resigned</p> <p>4 from the Noxubee County Schools?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>6 Q. And just -- let's just be sure of this if</p> <p>7 we can. What years were you driving for them?</p> <p>8 A. '87. '87.</p> <p>9 Q. '87 to '90 approximately?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. And the Junior Food Mart located</p> <p>12 in Macon?</p> <p>13 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q. What kind of work did you do for them?</p> <p>15 A. Just cashier.</p> <p>16 Q. Cashier?</p> <p>17 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q. And how long did you work for Junior Food</p> <p>19 Mart?</p> <p>20 A. About a year and a half.</p> <p>21 Q. Who was your supervisor there?</p> <p>22 A. I don't remember who the supervisor was.</p> <p>23 They went through so many I can't remember who it</p> <p>24 was at the time.</p> <p>25 Q. And what was the reason for your stopping</p>